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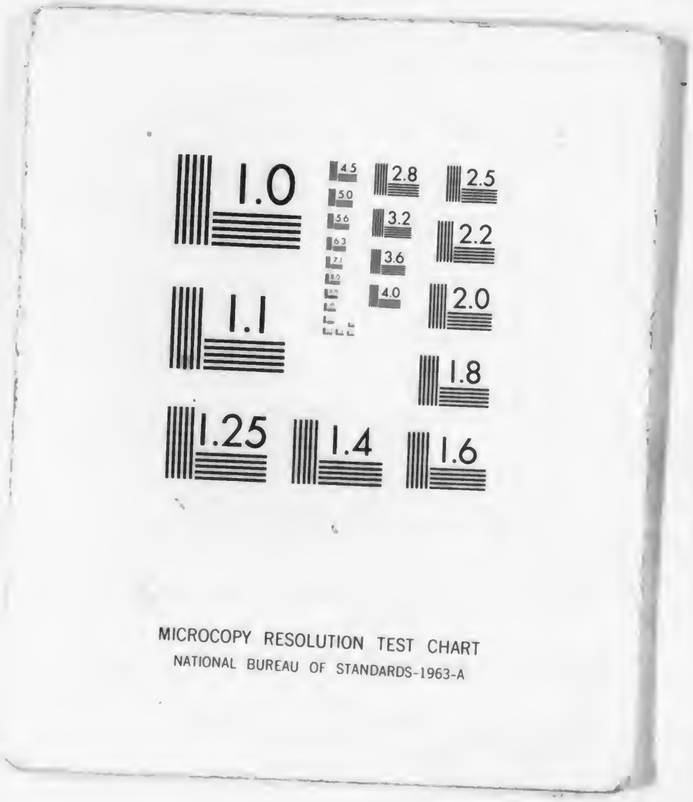
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April 13, 1926

Dr. H. H. T. Jackson
Editor, Journal of Mammalogy
Biological Survey

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Herewith I hand you a brief article on the recent occurence of the Buffalo in northeastern California, which I assume you will be willing to make room for in the Journal.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

THE BUFFALO IN NORTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA

C. Hart Merriam

Four years ago I published a note on Hasting's record of the Buffalo in the "Eastern Section" of California in 1843, explaining that in those days California extended far enough east to include not only Great Salt Lake, Utah, but also Green River Basin, Wyoming--both of which localities were well known to be within the normal range of the Buffalo.[1]

The purpose of that note was to show that prior to 1850 the term 'Eastern California' usually meant eastern Utah or western Wyoming, and that at the date of my note (1922) there was no definite record for any locality west of eastern Oregon--Allen's Sierra Nevada memorandum being without locality, as hereinafter shown.

The following year (1923) Vernon Bailey recorded Buffalo skulls from several places in eastern Oregon, including Malheur Lake and Valley, and called attention to the previously overlooked record of the noted trapper and explorer Peter Skene Ogden, who discovered Harney Lake and found Buffalo heads there in 1826--just 100 years ago.[2]

The late Dr. J. A. Allen, writing 50 years ago, said that it was then "probably not yet half a century since it [the Buffalo] ranged westward to the Blue Mountains of Oregon

[1] Journ. Mammalogy, Vol.3, No.1, pp.54-55, Feb.1922
[2] Journ. Mammalogy, Vol.4, No.4, p.254, Nov.1923

and the Sierra Nevada Mountains of California."[3] The Oregon record was from Prof. O. C. Marsh who in 1873 found remains on Willow Creek in the eastern foothills of the Blue Mountains. The Sierra record was obtained by Dr. Allen in Salt Lake Valley from a hunter named E. D. Mecham, who in 1871 told him that he had seen weathered Buffalo skulls as far west as the Sierra Nevada. This was confirmed by several other persons whom Dr. Allen met in Salt Lake Valley. But unfortunately no information whatever was given as to the locality or localities to which these observations relate, and subsequent authors have overlooked them or not regarded them as sufficiently authentic.

In my early work among the Indians of California it never occured to me to inquire about the Buffalo, but more recent field work has brought to light the important fact that the Pit River tribes (Achomawan stock) and the Northern Piute (Shoshonean stock) knew the animal well and had much to say of its former range in their country. From them I have secured absolutely trustworthy records for many of the open semi-desert valleys of Modoc and Lassen Counties, namely: Surprise Valley, Alturas Valley, Hot Springs Valley, Madeline Plains, Horse Lake Valley, Eagle Lake Valley, the valley of Pine Creek on the west side of Eagle Lake, and Honey Lake Valley.

[3] The American Bisons Living and Extinct, 118-119, 1876.

To complete the record it should be added that several of the Pit River tribes--the At-wum'-we of Big Valley, the Ham-mah'-we of South Fork Pit River, and the Ap-woo'-ro-kāe of Dixie and Eagle Lake Valleys--as well as the Northern Piute of Surprise Valley, tell me that the Buffalo were not permanent residents of their country but that small herds came in from time to time, coming from the north--not the east--and ranging southerly and southwesterly over the valleys mentioned. The older Indians of several tribes say that their fathers hunted and killed Buffalo in their own territory, and the Ap-woo'-ro-kāe believe that a small detached band lived permanently in Pine Creek Valley.

The Northern Piute name for Buffalo, as well known, is Goo'-choo or Goot'-tsoo. The Pit River tribes had no independent name of their own but adopted the Piute name--thus indicating that they were well aware of the fact that the animal came from Piute country.[4]

Evidence of another kind that the Buffalo was well-known in the country along the boundary between northeastern California and northwestern Nevada is afforded by certain geographic names on early and present-day maps. Thus 'Buffalo Spring', on the west side of Smoke Creek Desert, 20 miles north of Pyramid Lake, appears on maps 3 and 4 (1855) of the region in northern Nevada between the Humboldt Mountains and Mud Lake, published in the Pacific Railroad Reports, and occurs also on recent maps.

[4] The forms of the name as given me at different times by the eastern Pit River tribes are: At-wum'-we and Ham-mah'-we; Goo'-choo by the Ap-woo'-ro-kāe. Goo'-choo by the Klamath name is Yuho'.

'Buffalo Salt Works' on the western border of Mud Flat (now known as Smoke Creek Desert) is engraved on the Wheeler Survey map of the California-Nevada boundary region north of Lake Tahoe (1876-1877); and 'Buffalo Canon' a little farther west (longitude 119 55") and only a few miles east of the California line is located on the same map.

'Buffalo Creek', entering Smoke Creek Desert from the west, 20 miles north of Pyramid Lake, is shown on various maps, including the Land Office Maps of Nevada of 1886 and 1914.

'Buffalo Meadows', on Buffalo Creek 20 miles above its mouth on the west side of Smoke Creek Desert, is shown on the same maps.

All of the above mentioned localities lie between Smoke Creek Desert in northwestern Nevada and the adjacent northeastern boundary of California.

Allen's large map of the distribution of the Buffalo (in his Memoir on the American Bisons, 1876) shows its supposed range west of Great Salt Lake by means of a broad colored band which passes completely around the west side of Salt Lake and spreads thence westerly over the eastern half of northern Nevada. But his text fails to justify any part of this distribution, his only records for the region west of the Wasatch Mountains being confined to the extreme eastern border of Salt Lake Basin. There is no record at all for any part of western Utah or for the state of Nevada.

Hornaday's map of 1889 is based on Allen's and naturally perpetuates the same error.

For the benefit of persons unfamiliar with this region it may be worth while to call attention to the circumstance that Allen's colored band on the west side of the great lake covers the deadly expanse of salt and clay that forms the flat bed of this terrible lifeless desert--at one time a part of ancient Lake Bonneville.

There is ample evidence that the animals did not push westward around the south end of Salt Lake. The most southerly point in Utah from which there is any record is Utah Lake, from which bones were recorded by Henry W. Henshaw (Allen,), and where Buffalo were seen in August 1826 by the famous explorer and fur hunter Jedediah Smith--the first man to accomplish the overland journey from the Rocky Mountains to California. They could not have gone many miles farther west before encountering the impassible obstacle of the Great Salt Desert-- now (1925) for the first time traversed by a road--the Wendover Cutoff.

The natural and only practicable route was around the north end of Salt Lake, on or near the Utah-Idaho boundary, which appears to have been near the southern limit of their passage westerly and northwesterly across Idaho on the way to Oregon.

This northern route is substantiated by the journal of Zenas Leonard, a member of the Joseph Walker expedition of beaver trappers sent to California by Bonneville in 1833. Leaving the Green River country on July 24, the party reached the north end of Salt Lake on August 4.[5] Here, Leonard states,

[5] Date given by Leonard as Sept.4 on p.149, but on p.177 corrected to Aug.4.--Narrative of the Adventures of Zenas Leonard written by himself, Clearfield, Pa., 1839 (p.149 of Wagner's reprint, 1904).

"We killed our last buffalo on the West side of the Salt Lake", adding, "We still continued along the margin of the Lake, with the intention of leaving it when we got to the extreme west side of it"--which they did on the 13th. Whether the exact spot where the 'last buffalo' was killed was near the locality now known as Monument (where the shore dips to the southwest) or at one of the two other places between Monument and Kelton where the shore turns southward, may never be known and is in fact of little consequence.

This much of a degression has seemed necessary in order to establish several important facts, namely: (1) that the Buffalo did not push westerly around the south end of Great Salt Lake; (2) that there is no record of its occurence on the west side of Great Salt Lake in the valley of Humboldt River, or anywhere in the vast desert region between Great Salt Lake and California; and (3) that it entered California --and probably also a narrow strip along the extreme western border of northern Nevada--not from the east but from the north, coming south from Oregon.

With these facts in mind, the extension of the Buffalo into the open valleys of northeastern California, carrying its range at least 250 miles southwest of Peter Ogden's record, marks another step in the knowledge of the distribution of this great animal--an animal that stands alone, whether viewed from the standpoint of the food, clothing, and shelter it afforded the original inhabitants, or from its influence in developing the traits of courage, alertness and skill for which our plains tribes were famous.

April 15, 1926

Mr. Ansel F. Hall
Chairman, Board of Trustees
Yosemite Natural History Association
957 Regal Road, Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Hall:

Your letter of April 7, accompanied by the Articles of Association of the Yosemite Natural History Association, addressed to me at Lagunitas, has just arrived.

In reading the document I am impressed in different ways, some favorable, some unfavorable.

In the first place, it strikes me as too long, too complicated and too detailed. In the course of more than half a century's intimate experience with the governing boards of various societies, I have acquired a deeply rooted realization that the activities of an association are often handicapped by too much detail in its constitution or by-laws.

And this leads me to ask whether you have consulted the Statutes of California in reference to the form required by law in the organization of an association which may become incorporated? The laws of the States with which I am familiar specify certain definite requirements to which it is desirable to conform in the beginning in order to forestall trouble.

You demand that the Trustees not only pledge themselves to develop and enlarge the Yosemite Museum but also "to establish subsidiary units, such as the Glacier Point Lookout and branches of similar nature". To this I object most emphatically. I am very

strongly opposed to the wastefulness of money and effort in the establishment of subsidiary units in a compact area like Yosemite, where it is highly probable that 99 out of every 100 persons visiting the Park visit both places.

You pledge the Trustees "to contribute in every way possible to the development of the educational activities of the Yosemite Nature Guide Service". Does it not occur to you that the clause "in every way possible" is pretty strong, and that it is likely to lead to dereliction of duty or perjury on the part of the Trustees?

In Section 5 on page 2 is not the word 'greatest' in connection with popular interest unnecessary and possibly subject to embarrassment?

On the lower part of page 4 it is decreed that "the Director of the Association will be the Park Naturalist", while on the bottom line of the same page it is stated that the Director will report monthly to the Superintendent of Yosemite National Park and the Chief Naturalist. Does this not mean that he must report to himself? Or are there two Chief Naturalists, one the Park Naturalist, subservient to ~~the~~ another Chief Naturalist?—seemingly a most extraordinary division of authority.

The financial control of the funds of the organization seems to be a little unusual. It is stated that "all out of pocket expenses incurred by the Trustees" and "all out of pocket expenses incurred by the Director" shall be reimbursed--without in either case setting any limit, or providing any authorization therefor.

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In the somewhat numerous organizations on whose Boards of Directors (or Trustees) I have served during the past 50 odd years it has been customary to provide for the authorization of expenditures, either by an annual budget or by the approval of estimates submitted by the President or other officer. Nothing of the kind appears in the present document but in its place are unrestricted provisions for the repayment of unlimited expenditures incurred without specific authority, and without regard, so far as appears, to the state of the treasury.

The Director is empowered to handle all funds not in the possession of the Trustees, but there appears to be no specific statement as to how such funds should come into his hands without specific action by the Trustees. Is this not in conflict with the statement on page 6 that "title to all the property, funds and assets of the Association shall at all times be and remain vested in said Trustees".

On page 7 it is stated that the interest from the Endowment Fund "will be credited annually by the Trustees to the Administrative Account". This is contrary to the usual policy, which is that endowment funds, including fees from life memberships and patrons, grow by accrued interest and shall shall be held as a separate fund, wholly distinct from the ordinary administrative fund, to be applied by authority of the Trustees to special subjects that may arise from time to time, such as specific investigations or the publication in permanent form of the results of investigations. Personally, I am strongly opposed to the turning over of income from an Endowment Fund to the administrative or other fund used to meet the ordinary expenses of an organization.

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I regret very much the necessity of criticizing so many points in the document you have submitted, and wish to assure you that none of the above criticisms have been made in a captious spirit but in the interest of the general welfare of the Association and also for the purpose of safeguarding the Director and Trustees--thus forestalling difficulties and criticisms sure to come sooner or later.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 161926

Col. Geo. W. Stewart
Visalia, California

Dear Col. Stewart:

On receipt of the package of dust which you sent me from holes in the granite rock near Sequoia National Park, I took the package to Dr. Geo. Otis Smith, Director of the Geological Survey and he went with me to show it to Dr. Mendenhall and Dr. Matthes. Dr. Smith thought it likely to be volcanic ash and it was turned over to Dr. C. S. Ross for analysis. This morning I have received a letter from Dr. Matthes confirming Dr. Smith's identification as volcanic ash. Dr. Matthes will write you direct, so that there seems to be nothing more for me to say in this connection except to express my interest in the discovery, as it proves that the holes were in existence before the eruption from which this ash came. And furthermore the it emphasizes the desirability of locating the source of the ash, as I am not aware of any volcanic activity in this region during historic times.

The subject of these holes is certainly of more than ordinary interest, and in view of your familiarity with them and with the aid of Dr. Matthes' photographs and measurements I am sure you are in a position to contribute an important article on the subject. I trust that you will do this in the near future.

Your collection of copies of various aboriginal pictographs is worth completing and publishing. You may have seen photographs of some discovered by the late Dr.Howver near Donner Pass, and you know of course about the remarkable display of these curious symbols on the cliffs at Tule Lake. A study of those from different parts of the State might indicate whether or not the makers were all the same, or whether particular designs were restricted to definite regions. At all events, the study would seem to be worthwhile.

The slender forgetmenot you sent is of special interest in connection with what you tell me of the Indian boy's knowledge of the red stain, showing that this is well known to his people. Can you tell me the name and locality of his tribe?

Several other species of Cryptantha, and one or two of allied genera have red juice, and one of the European species has been used as a dye.

Thanks also for the account of how a Klamath River Indian made an arrowhead by a method which is as new to me as it was to you. I am very glad to have this information. Blue Creek is on the lower Klamath in the territory of the Poliklah tribe, often called Yurok, but 30 miles higher up might put it in Karok territory.

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

April 26, 1926

The Chief of Engineers
War Department
Washington

Dear Sir:

I shall be obliged if you will kindly inform me as to whether the Calistoga Quadrangle of the Engineer Corps Maps of California has been printed; and if not, whether it is likely to be completed in the near future. It covers a very interesting and important area and I am most anxious to secure it.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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April 16, 1926

Mrs. Nora E. Nichols
Lookout, California

My dear Mrs. Nichols:

Please pardon me if I have not already acknowledged your letter of March 1 giving me the animal names I had asked you for. I thought I had written you but find your letter is not marked as answered.

I was very glad to have the names. The name Yah-kahn for the Beaver is not a Big Valley name but is the name of the Beaver in the Mo-des'-se language from Big Bend Pit River to Montgomery Creek. Kwahn' is the regular Achomawan name for the Silver Fox. But To-maht'-ha (or To-wat'-de) is the Fisher, a valuable fur bearing animal, as long as a Fox but not so large.

I am myself interested in Indian basketry and have the most authentic collection in existence--most of the collections, even in museums, lacking the names of the tribes or the localities where made.

I expect to visit Lookout again during the coming summer and shall of course look you up.

Again thanking you for the trouble you have taken in answering my questions,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 16, 1926

Mr. Colin C. Sandborn
Field Museum of Natural History
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Sandborn:

Many thanks for your interesting pamphlet on the 'Mammals of the Chicago area' received recently.

The plain English descriptions in connection with a large number of illustrations make it easy for anyone of ordinary intelligence to identify most of the Mammals of the area treated, and sets an excellent example which might well be followed by naturalists in other regions.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

If Dr. W. H. Osgood is in Chicago, please give him my kind regards.

April 16, 1926

Bausch & Lomb
632 Paul St.
Rochester, N.Y.

Dear Sirs:

At what price do you supply your binocular magnifier as advertised in Science?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 16, 1926

Dr. F. E. Matthes
U. S. Geological Survey
Washington

My dear Doctor Matthes:

Many thanks for your letter of yesterday just received. I am very glad to know the result of the analysis of the rock dust from the Indian pits of the Sequoia Forest region and am glad that you are writing Col. Stewart direct.

The fact that the material is volcanic ash definitely proves, of course, that the pits were in existence before the eruption depositing the ash. I am not aware that any volcanic activity has been observed in this region within historic times. It would be of much interest to know the location of the volcano.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 16, 1926

Mr. E. R. Warren
1511 Wood Ave.
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Dear Mr. Warren:

Replying to your inquiry of the 9th instant, would say that D. D. S. who contributed notes to the American Naturalist in and about 1868 was D. S. Stanley. I remember his note on the Prairie Dog but do not recall anything in regard to him.

I am glad that your report on the Yellowstone Beaver is soon to be published and await its receipt with much interest.

With kind regards,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 19, 1926

The French Bookstore
Berkeley, California

Dear Sirs:

A recent review refers to a Pronouncing Dictionary of California Names, in English and Spanish, by Martha Lebeau Marshall, published by you. If you will kindly send me a copy with bill I shall be obliged and will remit at once.

Very truly yours,

C. H. T. Townsend

April 19, 1926

University Press
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

I have just seen a notice of a Pictorial History of California by Professor Owen C. Coy, and shall be obliged if you will kindly send me a copy with bill for same.

Very truly yours,

C. H. T. Townsend

April 19, 1926

Editor, The Yale Review
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:

I have recently seen mention of a paper by William Kent entitled In the Mountains of Mendocino County, referred to as published in the Yale Review of October 1925. I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me a copy with bill.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 19, 1926

Mr. Stephen Knight
Ukiah, California

Dear Mr. Knight:

Owing to great pressure of other matters I have not seen the Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs since I wrote you last, but have heard indirectly that the Committee had decided not to report the Kahn Bill this year. I do not know their decision in regard to the Collett-Baker Bill, but will know in a few days.

If both Bills go over until next session we will have the Kahn Bill in much better shape than now and it will be more likely to receive favorable consideration.

How is Tom Conner of Hopland? He had had a stroke and was very poorly when I last visited the Indian settlement.

You may be able to help me in answering several questions which at present are not clear.

What is the name of the river Otter, an animal somewhat similar to the mink but 6 or 8 times larger.

What does Chow-we mean?

What does Chum-mi mean?

You told me that the Yo-buk-ka-ah used to live in little valleys on Russian River between Pieta and Preston. Do you happen to know whether they speak the same language as the Pieta and Hopland people on the north, or like the Cloverdale Mah-kah-mo chum-mi on the south?

I will write you as soon as I learn anything more definite about the action of Congress.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 19, 1926

Dear Doctor Stephens:

Ever since the receipt of Mrs. Stephens' last letter we have had a pleasant hope for she intimated that you and Stewart might be in Kentucky about the first of June. This encourages us in the hope that you will join Mrs. Stephens at our house for a little visit.

It is now painfully evident that we are not likely to be ready to leave Washington before the middle of June, so that there will be plenty of time to close the house after your visit.

Spring is fairly opening here in the city but not in the surrounding forests. The maples and elms along the streets are now in full flower and the tulip trees and lilac bushes have leaves nearly an inch long. The single-blossom cherries around the Basin in Potomac Park passed their prime several days ago and the Japanese cherries will probably be out in about a week unless the present cold snap continues.

Congress does not appear to be willing to smile on our California Indians this year.

With love to you all,

As ever,

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens
1250 Bay Street
Berkeley, California

April 22, 1926.

Dr. V. K. Chesnut
Bureau of Chemistry
Dept. of Agriculture.

Dear Dr. Chesnut:

Every now and then I turn to your monumental and most valuable work on 'Plants used by the Indians of Mendocino County, California'--a mine of information.

Your Plate 13, Figure 1, facing page 312 shows an Indian woman gathering pinole seed. As the text gives the Yokia, I assume that the woman was a member of the Yokia tribe. [Ne-she - Yuke] Is this correct? Figure 72 shows a woman gathering fresh clover. As it occures in text in which the Yuke name is given, I assume that the woman in question is a Round Valley Yuke. Is this correct? ok

Some years ago you were kind enough to send me a picture of a Yokia Indian woman making a basket. She is sitting in front of a board house with a basket in front of her so that her face is partly hidden by vertical strands. Do you remember where you took this picture? There is something curious about the basket inasmuch as the finished bottom part is obviously coiled, while the upstanding strands appear to be those of a twined basket--a curious combination.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

April 24, 1926.

Mr. H. E. Anthony
American Museum of Natural History
New York City.

Dear Mr. Anthony:

Thanks for your letter of the 22nd instant. The separates referred to were sent me by someone in your office during your absence, for which I am very much obliged.

No, I shall not be able to attend the meeting of the Mammalogists next week, which I very much regret. I am recovering from a recent attack of the grippe and am under pressure of accumulated work. The program contains many titles of interest and I wish you special joy in your introductory remarks on 'What constitutes Species and Subspecies.'

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

April 24, 1926.

Dr. Hartley H. T. Jackson
Editor, Journal of Mammalogy
National Museum, Washington.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Replying to your letter of the 17th instant, I regret that I shall not be able to attend the coming meeting of the Mammalogists in New York. I am trying to recover from a recent attack of the grippe and am under pressure of accumulated work.

The program contains a surprisingly large number of titles of papers that promise to be of more than usual interest, some of which I should be glad to discuss.

With best wishes for a successful meeting,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

Of course you will send me proof of my Buffalo article. If it could come before my departure for California, a long delay might be avoided.

April 24, 1926.

Hon. Wm. W. Seymour
Tacoma Building
Tacoma, Washington.

My dear Mr. Seymour:

Very many thanks for your thoughtfulness and kindness in writing me in regard to your forthcoming Glacial Peak Trip. Both my daughter and I appreciate your suggestion and would be glad to join you were I younger and were my California field work completed.

For some years past I have traveled from five to six thousand miles in field work in California, and last season my daughter and I drove our car 7,500 miles in field work--and still did not get to finish the job.

We expect to drive from here to our California home in June and are likely to be in the field most of the time until November.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Seymour for a successful and enjoyable trip,

Very truly yours,

April 27, 1926

Col. Lawrence Martin
Chief, Division of Maps
Library of Congress

Dear Colonel Martin:

A book catalogue received today advertises some maps which if not already in your map collection you may find of interest. [Notices enclosed herewith.]

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 27, 1926

Shepard Book Company
408 S. State St.
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your Catalogue 173. In it I find a book entitled I-NIP-E-GANT, The Crazy Ute Indian of the Uintahs; of Utah; by Ross Lyndon, 1920, price $2.50. I shall be obliged if you will send me this book if not already sold.

At what price can you supply a copy of Peter Gottfredson's Indian Depredations in Utah?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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April 29, 1926

Mr. C. P. Merriam
52 Harley House
London, N.W.1

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me a copy of your English Merriam Book, which has reached me in good condition.

I have long wished to possess a copy of this book and am placing it in my library alongside of Pope's Genealogy of the Merriam tribe published in 1906.

It strikes me as a curious circumstance that although I scan each year between 100 and 200 secondhand book catalogues I have never yet seen a copy of either your book or Pope's listed for sale.

You and I are descended from different brothers. Judge Nathaniel Merriam, whose portrait faces page 115 of the Pope Genealogy, was my greatgrandfather, and General Ela Merriam (portrait facing page 186) my grandfather. My father was Clinton Levi Merriam. His portrait faces page 321 and his home in northern New York, where I was brought up, faces page 322. The notice about my uncle, James Sheldon Merriam, is on page 323 facing his portrait. My own biography is on pp. 419 and 420.

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Thanks for your invitation to come and see you if I visit England. But I fear this is improbeble as all of my time is required in finishing work on California Indians and on North American Mammals--on both of which I have been engaged for many years. I still spend about half of each year in field work in California and expect to drive across the continent to California in a few weeks.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 29, 1926

Major D. O. Elliott
Engineer, Production Plant
Washington Barracks, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your note of the 23rd instant telling me that the Calistoga Quadrangle will be available about July 1. This is good news and I shall be very glad if you will kindly mail me three copies as early as possible, addressed to my summer base, Lagunitas, California.

I shall be obliged also if you will send me, addressed 1919 16th St., Washington, D.C., two copies each of the following Quadrangles:

Albion 19-S-11-W½
Hopland 20-N-11-E½
Hullville 30-S-1-W½
Lakeport 30-S-11-W½
Pomo 19-S-11-E½

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Sherman Crosby
Kanab, Utah

April 29, 1926

Dear Sir:

On February 18 you wrote me that your father, Mr. Jacob Crosby, would write me later in reference to the approximate location of the boundary between the Southern Piute of the Kanab region and the Utes of the region farther north.

Not having heard from him, I am taking the liberty of troubling you again.

I am anxious to know also what the Piute of your region call themselves. I mean their own tribal name for themselves.

I am enclosing also a list of words which I shall be very glad to get the words for in the Piute language of your region. Please don't wait to fill this entire list but send it on when you get the words that may be easily obtained.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 29,1926

Dr. Joseph Grinnell
Museum Vertebrate Zoology
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

Many thanks for several interesting papers received a few days ago. Two of these I have looked over enough to show their value, namely: The Pacific Coast Brown Towhees by yourself and Swarth, and Raymond Hall's paper on Growth of the Skull of Otospermophilus beecheyi. Both contain full page plates, and the plates in both cases are absolutely devoid of informative keys or legends, notwithstanding the fact that there is plenty of room on the plate itself. This may be an editorial oversight. But do you not agree that it is a little hard on a busy man to have to hunt through a number of pages to find the simple explanation that ought to be on the plate itself or at farthest on a facing page?

I notice that Hall treats beecheyi as a subspecies of grammurus. Do you suppose he could tell us where intermediates are to be found?

In your paper on the Towhees I have had difficulty in finding a definite statement as to the type locality of crissalis, but am aware that it is usually recorded as San Francisco or Monterey Bay. In order to recognize certain tendencies of coloration along this part of the coast I see that you have rather

cleverly placed the boundary between crissalis and petulans at Monterey Bay! But never mind. I did not set out to criticize the ornithology of the paper but what seems to me an editorial oversight in giving the reader so much trouble in hunting for information that might easily be given on the plate itself.

Your continued productiveness and that of some of your associates is always a matter of gratification as well as surprise.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. H. [illegible]

April 29, 1926

The United Steel & Wire Co.
Battle Creek, Mich.

Dear Sirs:

Referring to your circular recently received I shall be glad to have you send me one of your Nugget Camp Kits and in addition one each of your camp forks, for all of which my check of $6.35 is enclosed herewith.
Please ship to 1919 16th St., Washington.

Very truly yours,

May 1, 1926

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Herewith I am handing you my expense account for month of April, amounting to $75.61 and vouchers as follow:

N.H.Kent, Photo work	$47.88
M.A.Lepse, Photo work	38.20
Z.Merriam,Asst 11days	44.00
Ella Welborne,Stenog	125.00

which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Am mounting in albums a set of my Indian photographs taken during the past 35 years. Dozens of the people and a a number of the tribes have disappeared from the face of the earth.--

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th St., Washington

Expense Account for April 1926

1926				
April	Durham Garage,San Anselmo,Calif. 4 mos storage on Calif. car @ $5.			20 00
2	Livingston Stationery Co. 1000 page copy book	1		6 50
	Thomas Barbour,Reptiles and Amphibians			3 50
3	S. Kann Sons, 8 blank albums for photographs	2		8 00
6	Scribners: Williams' Game Trails Brit.Columbia	3		5 00
9	Virginia Paper Co. ½ ream green paper cut 3x5	4		2 00
13	Allen's Press Clippings,Indians, for March	5		3 75
22	S. Kann Sons, 6 blank photograph albums	6		6 00
24	Yale Review for October	7		1 00
28	Wissler,Relation of Nature to Man			3 50
29	Virginia Paper Co. 125 sheets green paper cut 3x5	8		2 00
	Wash.Gas Light Co.,Gas March 25-April 26 $9.20 [1/3 9.20 3.07]	9		3 07
	Electric current,March 20-April 19 $6.86 [1/3 6.86 2.28]	10		2 28
	Florence Johnson,cleaning office rms month of April	11		5 00
	Stampt envelops & postage, April			2 26
	Cotton thread & rubber erasers			40
	Bus tokens for assts on errands			50
	Photo album strips .25; corners for mounting photos.60			85
				$75.61

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C. Hart Merriam

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May 1, 1926

Washington Gas Light Co.
419 Tenth St.,Washington

Dear Sirs:

Your advertisement of the Ruud Water Heater has just arrived with my gas bill.

I note that you offer to install a Ruud Water Heater for $5 down and $5 per month. I never buy anything on the installment plan, but always pay cash.

I shall be obliged if you will answer two questions: (1) At what price, cash down, will you install the heater, allowing for the old Pittsburg Heater and connections which have been in place in the basement for years? A large gas pipe leads directly from the outside main to the Pittsburg Heater. The new heater is to stand on the same spot. (2) Are these Ruud Water Heaters the latest model?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 1, 1926

Professor J. H. McGregor
Columbia University
New York City

My dear Professor McGregor:

Very many thanks for the separates you were good enough to send me of your important article entitled Recent Studies on the Skull and Brain of Pithecanthropus.

I am particularly pleased to be able to add this paper to my file on the possible ancestors of primitive man. It is a great satisfaction to have so complete a publication to refer to.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 3, 1926

Col. Lawrence Martin
Chief, Division of Maps
Library of Congress

Dear Colonel Martin:

Thanks for your letter of the first instant enclosing a memorandum relating to the publication of a list of maps of California.

Such a list would be of much value to students of history and exploration and also to zoologists and botanists and doubtless many others who are frequently confronted with the time-killing task of locating early geographic names.

It is a calamity to the progress of knowledge that means of publication in this country are so inadequate.

It occurs to me that light on the subject might be obtained by addressing the Chairman of the Research Council, National Academy of Sciences, and the President of the Carnegie Institution, both in this city.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 3, 1926

Mr. Walter Bacon
Los Angeles, Calif

Dear Sir:

A recent book catalogue issued by the Dawson Book Shop contains a full page notice of a celebration to be held next fall in honor of Jedidiah S. Smith, the first man to cross western America from the Rocky Mountains to California. I am glad to know about this and shall be greatly obliged if you will keep me informed as to any publications that may appear on the subject.

In another envelop I am sending you by same mail three of my publications concerning Jedidiah Smith and his route to Southern California and also across the Sierra. He was a great man.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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May 3, 1926

South Dawson's Book Shop
627 Grand Avenue
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Your recent catalogue contains the following title:

Breazeale (J.F.) The Pima and His Basket. Illustrated. 12mo., original cloth, uncut. New Tucson, 1923, $2.00

If the book is not already sold I shall be obliged if you will send it to me with bill and I will remit at once.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 3, 1926

Editor Publications
Museum of Zoology
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is $1 for which please send me several copies of your Museum Publication No. 166: Notes on Pacific Coast Rabbits and Picas by L. H. Dice.

The older a man grows the more deeply he is impressed with the necessity of placing technical papers where they may be found with the least expenditure of time.

With this end in view it has been my practice for the past 35 or 40 years to file author's separates both under author and under subject treated; and in the case of Mammal papers I have endeavored to secure enough copies to file under generic headings all matter relating to the genus in question. And whenever practicable I have endeavored to secure enough copies to file one under the geographic area to which the observations relate.

If I have only a single copy of a paper, as in the case of Dice's Notes on Pacific Coast Rabbits and Picas, I would feel obliged to file it under the general heading Rabbits and therefore might easily overlook the matter it contains on the Rock Conies and the Idaho Pigmy Rabbit.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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May 3, 1926

Col. Geo. W. Stewart
Visalia, California

Dear Colonel Stewart:

Thanks for your letter of April 27 and the package of pigment from cones of the Giant Sequoia.

I am transmitting it to Dr.C.A.Brown, Chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, Department of Agriculture, and will let you know promptly what he says about it.

It strikes me as remarkable that the substance--whatever it is--should be so completely soluble in water as to make such a smooth flowing ink as your letter would indicate.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 3, 1926

Dr. C. A. Brown
Chief, Bureau of Chemistry
U.S.Department of Agriculture

My dear Sir:

Herewith I am sending you a quantity of a curious material from the cones of the Giant Sequoia collected in Sequoia National Park, California, by Walter Fry, Park Commissioner, and sent me a few days ago by Colonel Geo. W. Stewart of Visalia.

A little of this material dissolved in water makes a very fair brownish-red ink.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly tell me what it is, and whether or not it is known to possess any quality of value.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 6, 1926.

Shepard Book Co.
408 So. State St.
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sirs:

Your bill of $2.50 for 'I-nip-e-gant the Crazy Ute Indian of the Uintahs,' together with the statement that you can supply Peter Gottfredson's 'Indian Depredations in Utah' for $4.00, has just come to hand. I am enclosing herewith my check for $6.50 in payment for both books and shall be very glad to receive the Gottfredson.

I hope the latter will contain the supplement which was later issued as a small pamphlet giving a Ute vocabulary.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

May 6, 1926

Dr. Maynard Shipley, President
Science League of America
509 Gillette Bldg., 830 Market St.
San Francisco, California.

Dear Dr. Shipley:

Replying to your letter of April 30, just received, would say that you are hereby authorized to attach my name to the circular letter outlining the objects of the Science League.

I am mortified to find that, owing to pressure of various kinds, I had misleid your former letter.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

May 11, 1926

Mr. John Collier
Indian Defense Association
Munsey Bldg., Washington

Dear Mr. Collier:

Thanks for carbon of your letter of May 8 to Mr. Lea. But the carbon mentioned to Captain Bonnin was not in the envelope. Anyhow, I cannot imagine why you suggested amendments to the Collett-Raker Bill.

You are too flattering in your references to my disjointed and ill-expressed testimony. If I had half your mental alertness and facility of expression I could do vastly better.

In this connection I wish to express my appreciation of and admiration for your mimeographed statement of the 8th instant entitled The Indian Affairs Outlook. It is a remarkable document and I wish it might have wide circulation. It is a sad fact that there seem to be no dignified newspapers or magazines that take much interest in Indian affairs.

The analysis of the Eighteen California Treaty "tribes" which Mr. Letts asked me to prepare for the Committee on Indian Affsirs has proved an even more serious undertaking than I had expected although I knew it would be no small job. I have now worked on it for five days and am not yet quite finished. Will send you a carbon of my letter to Mr. Letts as soon as it is delivered (probably in a day or two).

In answer to a phone inquiry Mr. Hart tells me that our testimony is not yet ready. I am anxious to go over mine as early as practicable.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

May 11, 1926

Mr. A. J. Peterson
15 Phoenix Bldg.
Duluth, Minn.

Dear Sir:

In September 1920 I purchased from you an Autopack which has been in use in camping trips ever since and has given great satisfaction.

If you are still making this Autopack I should be glad to purchase another, and shall be obliged if you will send me your circular or price list of the several sizes and styles.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

May 12, 1926

Locomobile Co. of America
Bridgeport, Conn.

Dear Sirs:

For some months past I have been interested in your Junior-8, specimens of which I have examined in San Francisco, Cambridge, and Washington.

I am thinking of it in connection with a trip across the continent from this city to California, and also with reference to field work in the mountains of California.

My wife and daughter prefer the Sedan, but the tonneau is so small that there is no place in which to carry our camp outfit. The Touring Car has more room but those I have seen have no pockets, merely a cloth flap for a woman's handkerchief. We need good capacious pockets, strong enough to hold tools and other camp necessities.

I shall appreciate the favor if you will tell me frankly whether or not this car is likely to prove strong enough for field use in rough country, and whether you supply cars with real pockets.

I have not seen an exposed chassis but from the view through the hood I am suspicious of the exposed clutch-drive wheel, which looks to me as if it might easily become packed with mud.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 12, 1926

Col. Geo. W. Stewart
Visalia, California

Dear Colonel Stewart:

Dr. C. A. Browne, Chief of the Bureau of Chemistry of the Department of Agriculture, in reply to my letter of May 3 transmitting the material you sent from cones of the Giant Sequoia, states:

> "This material, which we understand is a by-product of the preparation of Sequoia cones for planting, is as a matter of fact a high-grade natural dry tanning extract, some samples of which we have examined running as high as 72 or 73 per cent of actual tannin absorbed by hide powder. If it were obtainable in any quantity, that is, in hundreds of tons, it would be a valuable commercial article."

I have just written him again asking if the dye and ink quality which the material seems to possess is the result of the enormous percentage of tannin.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 12, 1926

Dr. C. A. Browne
Chief, Bureau of Chemistry
Dept. of Agriculture

My dear Dr. Browne:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 6th instant in reply to my inquiry about the material from Sequoia cones, transmitted to you at the same time.

It is interesting to know that this material contains such an extraordinary percentage (72 or 73) of tannin. But is it the tannin that gives it the quality of an ink or dye?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 12, 1926

Dear Mrs. Trout:

Very many thanks for your kindness and the trouble you took in sending me the manuscript vocabulary of the Cheyenne language as written by your father in 1899. I am very glad to add it to my series of vocabularies.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. E. B. Trout
2713 Ontario Road
Washington

May 13, 1926

Miss Rena Whelan
82 Liberty St.
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Miss Whelan:

The announcement for 1926 dues dated May 6 has just arrived and in compliance therewith I am enclosing my check for $9 in payment of dues for Mrs. Merriam, Zenaida, and myself.

We have not heard from Lagunitas in a long time and do not know whether you have had a wet or a dry spring.

We shall be dreadfully late in getting off this year. We expect to drive across and are not likely to arrive much before the end of June.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 13, 1926

Hon. F. Dickinson Letts
Chairman Subcommittee on Indian Affairs
House of Representatives, Washington

My dear Mr. Letts:

In compliance with your request I have made a rather careful examination of the socalled "tribal names" enumerated in the Eighteen California Treaties of 1851 and 1852, published by the Senate in January 1905 (32nd Congress, 1st Session).

The total number of the alleged 'tribes' listed in the Eighteen Treaties appears to be 126. Half a dozen of these are unidentifiable. Of the others, some are duplicated under different spellings, in some cases with different initial letters (resulting probably from illegible handwriting).

And a surprisingly large number are not tribal names at all but names of rancherias or villages. Thus, in the Treaty of Camp Colus, Sept. 9, 1851, the following are enumerated as 'tribes' : Colus, Willays, Co-ha-na, Tat-nah, Cha, Doc-duc, Cham-net-co, Toc-de. Of these 8 names, 6 are villages (Co-ha-na, Tat-nah, Cha, Doc-duc, Toc-de, and Cham-net-co), leaving only 2 as tribes.

Another example is the Treaty of Oct. 6, 1851, with the Upper Klamath, Shasta, and Scott River Indians, of which 6 tribes or bands are mentioned, as follow: O-de-i-lah, I-ka-ruck,

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Ko-se-tah, I-da-kar-i-waka-ha, Wet-sa-he-wa, and E-eh. One of these, I-da-kar-i-waka-ha, was a small band named for a local chief, while two, I-ka-ruck at Hamburg and Ko-se-tah at Yreka, were named for the locality--and so on. Not one has any tribal significance--all being Shasta!

It appears therefore that the great majority of so-called 'tribes' enumerated in the Eighteen Treaties are nothing more than local bands or villages--not more than 56 of the 126 being tribes!

On the other hand, in checking the Treaty names against the names of the known California tribes it appears that more than 175 tribes are not included in the Eighteen Treaties.

In other words, it is obvious that the Treaty Commissioners in attempting to list the tribes of California not only included a large number of villages, but--and this is far more important--mentioned less than a third of the actual tribes of the State. This, as I stated before your Committee, is what would be expected, for not one in three of the California tribes were known to the Americans or Spanish-Mexicans in 1851.

The Raker Bill therefore specifically limits its benefits to one third of the tribes of the State, leaving two thirds unprovided for!

And in the event of a decision in favor of the Indians, each and every individual must prove descent from one of the 18 Treaty tribes--in many cases an extremely difficult procedure.

And finally, the Raker Bill is silent as to how any Indians are to benefit if the suit is won--the Bill failing to provide for administration of the fund.

The Kahn Bill on the other hand [irrespective of the amount finally appropriated] provides for immediate relief from present pitiful conditions.

Moreover, the Kahn Bill is constructive, outlining a definite policy under an unsalaried Commission (to be appointed by the Federal Government and the Governor of California) with authority to begin at once by [when necessary] purchasing land, providing convenient water supplies--one of the most fundamental requirements of civilization--and in other ways assisting Indians in building sanitary homes and in establishing themselves on a stable self-supporting basis in agriculture or other industry so that they may become actual and self respecting citizens.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 17, 1926.

Mr. Robert A. Norton
c/o Newell & Spencer
247 Park Avenue
New York City.

Dear Robert:

Your letter of yesterday arrived promptly this morning.

The pressure mechanism Zenaida told you about has nothing to do with the oil burner apparatus except that it does not operate unless the burner is going. When the burner is turned off the pressure gauge reads about 55. After the burner is turned on the pressure rises in a few minutes to 80, thus greatly accelerating the flow of hot water through the radiators. I think it is a wonderfully efficient apparatus. It cost about $50 installed, and is easily worth that amount in fuel saving and also in the comfort of heating the house in half the time that would otherwise be required.

When the burner is turned off the pressure gauge promptly returns to about 55 and the water system ceases to circulate. At least this is my opinion, for the radiators stay hot apparently much longer than the water in the furnace.

Unfortunately, I do not know the name of the apparatus, but it consists of three cylindrical iron affairs about 2 inches in diameter by 4 in height--2 alike and one different, all painted red. The red paint, of course, is highly important as red stands for heat!

The furnace man who installed the affair said that it was not a mercury pressure, but could not explain just how it worked. It does the business and that is enough for me. It is attached to the hot water pipe going from the furnace to the radiators and of course has nothing whatever to do with the oil burner, and would work equally well with coal.

No, we have not yet decided on the car that is to carry us to California. We all favor the Junior Eight and would decide on it but for the suspicion that when in high it lacks power on grades, so that it would be necessary to change gears oftener than we would enjoy. And there appears to be one other difficulty, namely, in the turning radius. When in Cambridge, Henry Abbot and I felt sure that the turning radius was unusually short, but our experience with the car recently here in Washington is quite the contrary, so that I am not sure that it would make some of our hair-pin turns on the mountain grades of California.

While not addicted to the Studebaker, we have nevertheless ridden in a Studebaker Standard Six and were much surprised at its quietness, power, and easy riding quality, although the wheel base is only 113 inches. Shall be glad of any comments that may occur to you.

With best wishes from us all to yourself and Barbara,

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With best wishes from us all to yourself and Barbara,

Very truly yours,

Retake of Preceding Frame

May 17, 1926.

Mr. P. Martinelli
Lagunitas, California.

Dear Mr. Martinelli:

It's getting late and we are not likely to be able to start for California before another month. As a result, I fear that Zenaida's orchard and berry patch will dry up, like they did last year, before our arrival.

We shall be greatly obliged, therefore, if you will kindly take the necessary hose out of the woodhouse or garage [I think I left them in the garage] and see that enough watering is done to keep things in proper condition.

I can't remember whether or not I gave you the key to the garage, and therefore am enclosing my personal key herewith.

We have not heard anything from our part of California for some months and do not know whether or not enough rain fell during the winter and spring. We have just had a fine rain here, which is worth a great deal to the farmers.

With best wishes from all of us to you all.

Very truly yours,

E. B. [illegible]

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May 20, 1926

Manager
Allen's Press Clipping Bureau
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

A batch of clippings just received contains five long clippings (herewith enclosed) relating to the numerous and varied matters discussed at meetings of women's clubs, in the course of which the words 'Indian welfare' occur without any information. Such references are utterly worthless to me and take a lot of valuable time because I have to look through the tediously long stuff in each clipping to see if there is anything of any interest in connection with my work. I have been annoyed by this same sort of material for a year or more and shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly abstain from sending me any more.

Besides these, I am enclosing a clipping, entitled 'The Springville Club has Indian program', which is pasted on the reference so that the date cannot be ascertained.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 21, 1926

Mr. James S. Simpson
Red Rock Ranch, Wyoming

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 9 addressed to the Smithsonian Institution, has recently been referred to me for reply.

I am always glad to obtain skulls of Grizzly Bears, particularly those of old males, and during the past 35 years have brought together about 2,000 in our National Museum. I lack funds wherewith to purchase skins, but for complete skulls of Grizzly Bears in good condition, with teeth, can pay $10 or in some cases $12 each. For females and young not more than half that amount. In case you secure any which you are willing to dispose of at these prices, please attach a label to each skull giving the locality and date where killed and your own name, and ship by Express, charges collect, carefully packed to prevent breakage in transit, addressed to U.S. Biological Survey, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. And don't fail to write your own name and address legibly on the outside of the package as well as on each label on the inside.

In case expressage is too expensive or inconvenient, skulls may be shipped Parcel Post, but in this case they must be wrapped very carefully with excelsior or something of the kind over the teeth and on the sides of the skull to prevent breakage of the cheek bones.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 21,1926

Dr. Joseph Grinnell
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

Thanks for your letter of the 5th instant in which you appear to agree with most of the points mentioned in my letter to which it was a reply.

My work is getting along fairly well but suffers many interruptions. For instance, I have just spent two full weeks in preparing by request a statement for the House Committee on Indian Affairs relating to California Indians.

A month ago I saw a notice (I think in the Sierra Club Bulletin) of a Pronouncing Dictionary of California Names, in English and Spanish, by Martha Lebeau Marshall, recorded as published by "the French Bookstore" in Berkeley. I immediately wrote this bookstore, but the letter was returned with the statement that there is no store of that name in Berkeley. If you happen to know by whom this Pronouncing Dictionary was published and will kindly forward the enclosed letter, I shall be very much obliged.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 21, 1926

Dr. V. K. Chesnut
Bureau of Chemistry
Dept. of Agriculture

Dear Doctor Chesnut:

On April 22 last I wrote you asking for certain data for the photographs you published in your great paper on the food of Pomo Indians. You started to tell me something about this when we met at the meeting of the National Academy, but just at that moment I was interrupted and unable to get in touch with you again. I shall be thankful, therefore, if you will kindly furnish as much of the needed information as practicable at this late day.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 21, 1926

Mr. Joseph Mailliard
Academy of Sciences
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Mailliard:

Your interesting article on the fall song of the Townsend Solitaire, published in the May number of The Condor, just received, reminds me of similar incidents in my own experience.

The birds as you know nearly always drift into the cedar belt in the fall of the year. We found them among the junipers along the east base of San Francisco Mt., Arizona, in the middle part of September, 1889. (N.Am.Fauna, No.3, 101, 1890).

In my report on a Biological Survey of Mt. Shasta I state that in Shasta Valley "I saw dozens feeding on the juniper berries and singing freely, Sept. 29th, 1898 (N.Am.Fauna, No.5, 133, 1899).

In the fall of 1890 I found them in the Pahsimeroi Mountains in September, and on October 10 saw one among scattered junipers in the lava canyons of Snake River near Shoshone Falls. (N.Am.Fauna, No.5, 108, 1891).

Last fall in early October I saw and heard one in the junipers just east of Pitville--at the base of the forested mountain ridge that separates Fall River Valley from Big Valley.

It is good to see that you are so active in your ornithological work. I congratulate you.

With kindest regards to your sister, your brother, and your associates in the Academy,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 24, 1926.

Dr. C.G. Abbot, Acting Sec'y
Smithsonian Institution.

Dear Dr. Abbot:

Replying to your letter asking for suggestions for the General Appendix to the Smithsonian Report for 1926, I regret to say that I do not think of any articles that seem to be suitable.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

May 24, 1926.

Daniel H. Newhall
1701 Pershing Square Bldg.
New York City.

If not already sold, please send me your No. 84, 'Indian Basket Weaving by the Navajo School of Indian Basketry'--$2.50.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

May 24, 1926.

Wright Howes
1144 So. Michigan Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your catalog, just received.

I shall be obliged if you will send me Carrington (F. C.) 'My Army Life and the Fort Phil Kearney Massacre of 1866'--$2.50, check for which herewith enclosed.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

May 25, 1926.

Dear Mrs. Armer:

I am heartbroken. Your paintings have arrived and are so far from the Indian conception of the subjects that I could not possibly use them. This fills me with sadness.

Evidently your overlooked my very special and urgent request that the pictures be made of small size (not more than double the size of the page on which they are to be reproduced) and that they fulfil the Indians' conception of the First People, which must be a compromise between the human form and the animals into which the First People were finally transformed.

It is a sad blow to me. I have been waiting all winter, as you know, in the hope of receiving a sample picture or two so that I might get the book in press before returning to California. This dreadful delay has made it impossible to bring the book out this season and has prevented me from getting other illustrations.

On the other hand you have spent a great deal of time and thought in making these painting, and looked at as pictures, without regard to the purpose for which they are intended, they are admirably executed and interesting--so I feel greatly embarrassed.

I have just returned them by express, prepaid and insured, and am enclosing $25.00 to reimburse you for the packing, cartage, and expressage.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. Laura A. Armer
1329 Arch Street
Berkeley, California.

May 25, 1926.

Shepard Book Co.
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sirs:

Please send me, as advertised in your recent book catalog, the 2 following publications, both in wrappers (unbound), at $.75 each:

(1) The Mountain Meadow Massacre by Josiah Gibbs,
(2) Brigham's Destroying Angel, Disclosures of Bill Hickman.

Check for $1.50 enclosed.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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May 25, 1926.

Cashier
Crocker 1st Nat'l Bank
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my check on the National Metropolitan Bank of this city for $200.00 which kindly credit to my account and oblige.

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

May 27, 1926

Mr. Robert A. Norton
C/o Newell & Spencer
247 Park Ave., New York City

Dear Robert:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 18th instant in which you knock out the Studebaker Standard Six and recommend the Dodge with the Graham standard gear shift. I did not know until the receipt of your letter that this change was possible. The Dodge agent here tells me that he will make the change for $75, so acting on your recommendation I have ordered the car.

While advertised as fully equipped, I find the Dodge short of several important accessories. For instance, it has no trouble light and no socket for one, and among other things the motometer is an extra. And several other things--the robe rod for instance--look mighty cheap. My main objection to the car is that it is a Four instead of a Six. However it looks strong, and the all steel body of the Sedan appeals strongly to the other members of my family.

I have no doubt that the car will carry us to California comfortably and enable us to accomplish a lot of field work after we get there.

But I must admit that so far as appearance and performance of a new car are concerned I greatly prefer the Studebaker

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Standard Six--not knowing until receipt of your letter that the car is any more cheaply made than the Dodge, or any of the other present day middle priced cars.

Thanking you for the trouble you have taken in writing me so fully and for putting me wise on these important matters, and with love to Barbara in which all our family join,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 27, 1926

Locomobile Company
1517 Connecticut Ave.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I am returning the copy you loaned me of the Owner's Reference Book for the Junior Eight.

While impressed by the many excellent features of the Junior Eight, we fear that as at present built it is not quite fitted for the kind of rough field work we have for a car. Therefore we have decided not to get one this year; but if certain changes are made we may purchase one later on.

Thanking you for your various courtesies,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 27, 1926

Dr. Maynard Shipley
President, Science Leage of America
830 Market St., San Francisco

Dear Doctor Shipley:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant would say that I should protest most vigorously against the reading of any version of the Bible in the public schools. It would be a mixing up of religion and education and offensive to a large proportion of American citizens. It seems to me, in view of the purposes of the League, a waste of time to refer the matter to the entire Advisory Board.

I fear we shall not reach Lagunitas until the first week in July.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 27, 1926

Miss Rose Whelan
22 Liberty St.
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Miss Whelan:

Very many thanks for your kindness in writing us. You have furnished the first news we have had from Ingenitpu in a very long time. We are delighted to know that the rainfall has been sufficient but regret to learn that the new road has not yet been begun.

We are glad also to learn of the important increase in the Ingenitpu population--every little helps.

Regretting that we shall be so late in arriving and with best wishes to yourself and mother from all of us.

Very truly yours.

C. Hart Merriam

May 27, 1926

Dr. V. K. Chesnut
Bureau of Chemistry
Department of Agriculture

Dear Doctor Chesnut:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 26th instant, just received, giving me the asked-for data in regard to certain photographs of Yokish and Yuke Indians published by you in 1902. I am mighty glad to get the correct date for these illustrations.

You say you would like to hear from me if I get into Mendocino County again. Why, I work in Mendocino County every year and usually visit the county at least ten times during each season--and expect to for some time to come. So if you have any pleasant messages to send into that part of the state I shall be happy to place them as you may direct. We are expecting to drive from Washington to California next month to resume our field work among the California Indians.

With best wishes and many thanks,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 27, 1926

Mr. L. J. Haynes
Office of Publications
Department of Agriculture

Dear Sir:

Can you send me two copies of a Department publication entitled 'Contributions from the U. S. National Herbarium' Vol.7, No. 3, 'Plants Used by the Indians of Mendocino County, California', by V. K. Chesnut, 1902? If so I shall be greatly obliged.

This publication has a distinct and rather unique value to both botanists and ethnologists.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 27, 1926

Dear Hall and Mrs. Hall:

Last winter early in February, at about the time when many of our northern Indians begin to feel the pangs of hunger and the thirst for coffee, I sent the $10 you were kind enough to give me, to the store keeper at Lookout in Big Valley, and asked him to apply it as a credit to a very old Indian woman whom the Indians call Lottie O'Neal. I also wrote the schoolteacher that the present was from you, and she wrote me that Lottie was receiving the goods and was most grateful therefor. I see that the bill, the receipt for which you will note is dated May 5 and has only just arrived, shows that the store keeper had the good sense to distribute the goods over quite a period so that they would not be wasted or consumed in a few days.

The bill is interesting also as showing the kind of things Indians buy when they have the means. Doubtless she had some advice from the store keeper, Loomis.

Mrs. W. B. Stephens and her daughter Elizabeth from Alameda are with us this week. They expect to return to California early in June.

I have just ordered a Dodge car, with the gear shift changed to standard, in which we expect to drive to Lagunitas the latter part of June.

With best wishes from all of us,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. and Mrs. Harvey M. Hall
Berkeley, California

May 28, 1926

Dr. H. H. T. Jackson
Biological Survey
Dept. of Agriculture

Dear Doctor Jackson:

The enclosed carbon of a letter I have just written A.B.Howell explains itself.

By the way, can you tell me about when first proof of my Buffalo article will be ready? It would be a misfortune if it did not come until after my departure for California the latter part of June, as in that case there would be no telling when it would reach me.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 28, 1926

Dr. Geo. Otis Smith
2137 Bancroft Place
Washington, D. C.

My dear Doctor Smith:

On May 6 you were kind enough to write me a very interesting letter about the finances of the Cosmos Club and the desirability, from the standpoint of its founders and scientific men generally, of maintaining its character "as a modest homelike club noted for the intellectual standing of its members rather than the elegance of its buildings"--to all of which I said Amen.

You also hinted at a plan for continuing some of the more ancient members "with remission of dues but without curtailing the Club revenues".

In accordance with your suggestion I attended the meeting--the first, I believe, in 25 or 30 years--and listened with great interest to your presentation of the matter. I was interested to see how you would provide for such a class without curtailing the Club revenues, but you made it plain that by filling the vacancies left in the regular membership list (by means of transfers to a special list) there would be no financial loss to the Club. This is an excellent point and was very cleverly stated. As a possible beneficiary under this arrangement, I wish to tender you my appreciative thanks.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 28, 1926

Mr. A. B. Howell
450 Belle Fontaine St.
Pasadena, California

Dear Mr. Howell:

When you were here the other day you spoke of a new series of publications to be issued by the Mammal Society. For the series, if I am not mistaken, you used the term Bulletin. This struck me harshly and I meant to speak of it but was sidetracked by the matters that immediately followed.

The term Bulletin to my mind indicates an announcement, or some sort of a brief statement about something. Therefore, if I am correct, it would be a most unfit term for an elaborate publication of any kind, such as most societies include in their Proceedings, Transactions, or Memoirs. I may have been mistaken in what you said, but ever since you left I have been suffering from a sort of nightmare over the possibility of the use of such a manifestly unfit term for a series of papers of permanent value.

Webster's Dictionary defines the word bulletin as "A brief or condensed statement of news to the public" and so on.

Trusting that you are having a good trip across and with best wishes from all the Merriams of 1919 16th St. and Lagunitas,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 1, 1926

Mr. Elmer I. Applegate
Klamath Falls, Oregon

Dear Mr. Applegate:

Thanks for your letter of the 9th instant. I note that the Indians you have consulted don't know anything about the Buffalo. But I have just found it in Gatschet's Dictionary of the Klamath Language. Gatschet gives Buffalo as Yu-ho'.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 1, 1926

Hon. Hiram Johnson
U. S. Senate, Washington

Dear Sir:

I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me half a dozen copies of the Lea modification of the Raker Bill in behalf of California Indians, introduced by you, I am told, a few days ago.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Recd. June 2, 1926

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June 1, 1926

Librarian
Smithsonian Institution

My dear Sir:

This will introduce my daughter Miss Zenaida Merriam, and I shall be obliged if you will kindly give her the copy of Hale's Ethnography of the Wilkes Expedition 1846, concerning which we phoned you this morning. I will return the book in a day or two.

My daughter is authorized to sign the loan card for me.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 2, 1926

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my Expense Account for the month of May 1926 amounting to $50.72, together with vouchers for Zenaida Merriam assistant $32, and Miss Ella Welborn stenographer-assistant $1.25, all of which kindly pay from the Harriman Fund and oblige,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th St., Washington

Expense Account for May 1926

1926			
May	6	Shepard Book Co, Salt Lake City: Gottfredson, Indian Depredations in Utah, $4; Ute Indian Uintas, $2.50	6 50
	14	Univ. Calif: Coy's Pictorial Hist. of Calif.	10 00
	14	Allen's Press Clippings for April	3 25
	15	Dawson's Pima Indians & Basketry	2 14
	24	Subscription Canadian Forestry, 2 years	3 50
	24	Carrington, Army Life on the Plains	2 50
	25	Shepard Book Co., 2 Utah pamphlets	1 50
	25	Expressage to Berkeley, California	4 25
	26	For photo albums: white ink .20; white shellac .40; corner stickers .40	1 00
	28	William Brooks: washing office windows $1.20; waxing office floors $2.50	3 70
	29	Telegram, California Highway Commission	1 20
		Postage and stamped envelops	1 80
		Florence Johnson, cleaning office rooms	5 00
		One copy Outdoor Life	20
		Gas Apr 26-May25 $7.10 [1/3 7.10 2.37]	2 37
		Electric current Apr 19-May 19 $3.92 [1/3 3.92 1.31]	1 31
		Carfares for assistants on errands	50
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C. Hart Merriam

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June 2, 1926

Dear Doctor Stephens:

We greatly enjoyed the recent visit with part of your family and regretted that the other members could not have been here also. It was a very easy comfortable visit, free from any kind of strain--something that cannot be said of all visitors. Too bad time did not admit of giving Elizabeth a second view of the Library of Congress--but she is still young and later on will surely repeat.

When your letter came some time ago I was very busy and dropped it into my letter tray with only a glance, but that glance gave me a tremendous thrill. I caught the fact that you had planned to take your family to see the wonders of southwestern Utah and without reading more carefully, came to the conclusion that you were going to drive to Salt Lake and take them in your own car to Cedar Brakes and Zion and Bryce Canyons. This excited me greatly and I thought that perhaps I could arrange our trip so as to meet you at Salt Lake and accompany you in our car. But alas, when I came to really read your letter the thrill vanished.

Indian matters in Congress have delayed me lamentably during the winter and spring and are not yet wholly of the past, for I am booked for another hearing (this time before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs) tomorrow morning at ten.

A short time ago I was asked by the Chairman of the House Committee to prepare a digest of the Eighteen California Treaties of 1851-1852. This job took me just 15 days.

Trusting that you all are having a lovely visit at your old Kentucky home and that we shall meet in California in the not too distant future, and with love to you all from all of us,

As ever,

Hiram

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens
Paris, Kentucky

June 2,1926

My dear Marion:

Your letter of yesterday has just arrived and I will reply at once so that the grandson of my esteemed friend Professor Hyatt may not nurse any expectations.

We expect to drive to California in a Dodge car and since there are three of us with our beds and other camp outfit you can easily see that nothing larger than a mouse would be likely to find a hole to squeeze into. Sorry, but it can't be helped.

We cannot yet say when we shall be able to start, but sometime along the latter part of the month. I have been sadly delayed by Congressional work in connection with California Indians.

With love to all of your dear children from all of us.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. Marion Dall Connor
44 Hansen Street
Princeton, New Jersey

If Zenaida were not going I should be very glad to take your room.

June 3,1926

Dear Julia:

Since you left nothing very thrilling has happened except that we have had a couple of thunder storms--one rather violent--and Mrs. Stephens and daughter have completed their visit and are now at the old Stephens' home in Kentucky for a few days before returning to California.

I have also been delayed by another Congressional Hearing on Indian Affairs and have to go to slab another tomorrow morning. Hope this is the last.

Failing to find what I wanted in the way of a medium small car to drive to California, I finally bought a Dodge--but the date of our sailing has not yet been ascertained.

I hope you have had a restful time in New York and that you are enjoying a second spring in the North.

Enclosed is your June coupon.

With love from us all,

Hart

Mrs. C. L. Merriam
Watertown,New York

June 3, 1926

Mr. Francis P. Farquhar
Sierra Club,San Francisco

My dear Mr. Farquhar:

The Sierra Club's announcement of the publication of your Place Names of the High Sierra arrived today and I have just ordered a bound copy for permanent reference. I congratulate you on being the father of so important a book.

The circular just received gives a couple of sample pages on one of which is a quotation from L. A. Winchell stating that Tehipite is an Indian word meaning 'High Rock.'

The Mik-tchum-ne Indians of the Lemon Cove region and of Mill Valley near Dunlap told me years ago that Tehipte is the name of the Mountain Quail, from which I infer that the splendid dome in question was named after the erect commanding head of the Mountain Quail, one of our noblest game birds.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 4, 1926

The French Bookstore
324 Stockton St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

I have just received a pamphlet from you entitled A Pronouncing Dictionary of California Names for which I wrote some time ago, addressing you erroneously at Berkeley instead of San Francisco [Letter probably forwarded to you by Dr. Joseph Grinnell of Berkeley].

I am glad to have the document and am enclosing herewith .50 in payment therefor.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 4, 1926

Col. Lawrence Martin
Chief, Map Division
Library of Congress

Dear Colonel Martin:

Do you happen to have J. Arrowsmith's London Atlas: sheet entitled British North America, London, Aug. 15, 1834? If so, would you be good enough to tell me whether the name 'Shasty River' shown as a branch of the 'Clamet' is on the north or south side of the river?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 7, 1926

Chief of Engineers
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me two copies each of the following California Quadrangles published by your office:

Sebastopol 32 B 1 W/2
Saliotga 32 B 3 E/2
Map east of Lakeport Quadrangle 30 B 3 E/2
Bempt -- 31 B 2 E/2

In the case of the Sebastopol sheet, please send copies without the shading, as the city material used in secure the relief renders color, and therefore cannot be used satisfactorily in coloring the areas inhabited by different Indian tribes.

Very truly yours,

Original Defective

June 8, 1925

Virginia Paper Co.,Inc.
933 D St.,Washington

Dear Sirs:

Please send me at the above address, with bill enclosed, 2000 sheets of Mimeising Bond like the attached sample in quality and size.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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June 11, 1926

My dear Mrs. Smith:

Your letter of the 4th instant, forwarded from Lagunitas, has just reached me.

I am delighted to know that you are writing a paper on the San Rafael Mission, concerning which so little seems to be known. But fear I cannot help you in the matter of illustrations.

Years ago when working with the remnant of this (Marin) tribe, then living on Tomales Bay, I was not able to obtain photographs, greatly to my sorrow. So far as I know, the tribe is now extinct with the exception of a man whom I have been unable to find during the past few years. I saw him last 21 years ago and was told last summer by some mixed Portuguese and Indians that he was still alive.

The Olompali of whom you speak were a division of the same tribe--the Hoo-ko-e-ko, but have been extinct for a long time.

I know nothing of the history of the picture you mention in Tamal Land.

We are very late in starting for California this year owing to various interruptions in my work, chief of which

have been several Hearings on California Indian matters before Congressional Committees. We expect to leave about the end of this month and to drive across. We should be delighted to see you at Lagunitas at any time when we are there.

With best wishes to yourself and Dr. Perrin Smith, and regrets at my inability to help you,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. J. Perrin Smith
1335 Cowper St.
Palo Alto, California

June 11, 1926

Mr. L. A. Barrett
Forest Service
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Barrett:

The House Hearing on the Raker and Kahn Bills came off on May 5 and the Hearing has just been printed.

From the enclosed copy you will doubtless note several points of interest. In the first place, you may note that the Raker Bill was revised by Mr. Lea and Mr. Collett immediately after the Hearing in order to avoid the point of my criticism that the original Bill if passed would "recompense only the survivors of the Eighteen Treaty tribes, leaving the remaining Indians of California inprovided for" (p.52 of the Hearing).

You may note also that Collett attempted to deceive the Committee as to the language of the First Clause of the Raker Bill as pointed out by me on page 53.

You will observe further that Collett stated frankly (p.50), in regard to the Kahn Bill, that he was "not in favor of the bill . . . . chiefly because it does not have any just basis for settlement"!

You may also note a statement by Collett beginning on page 73 and submitted after the Hearing. He submitted still

another statement covering two or three pages of type, pitching into Collier and me, but using only Collier's name. This statement, after it had been set up in galley proof, was cut out by the Committee and does not appear in the present document.

In your letter of April 9 you promised to send me a copy of your remarks before the Indian meeting of the Commonwealth Club. I shall be mighty glad to see this.

Sorry to learn from the newspapers that forest fires have begun again in California.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

June 11, 1926

Mr. Chauncey S. Goodrich
110 Mills Building
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr. Goodrich:

The Hearing on the Raker and Kahn Bills before a Sub-committee of the House Committee on Indian Affairs has just been printed. I mailed you a copy this morning but forgot to note on page 31 that the revised Bill suggested by Mr. Lea was submitted several days after the Hearing and was modified to avoid my criticism of the original. The amended Bill was introduced in the Senate by Mr. Johnson on May 10 (S.4326) a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

You will observe that in attempting to avoid the restriction to the Eighteen Treaty tribes (Section 1) a new clause (Section 6) has been introduced which, to my unlegal mind, is a contradiction of Section 1.

Very truly yours.

C. Hart Merriam

June 11, 1926

Mr. Robert Rivis
Alio, California

My dear Sir:

This has been a very busy winter here in Washington in regard to Indian Affairs. John Collier of the Indian Defense Association and myself have testified at several Hearings in Congress, before both House and Senate Committees on Indian Affairs. Most of these Hearings have not been published, but the one on May 5 has just been printed and I am enclosing a copy herewith.

You will see that Collier and I stand firmly behind the Kahn Bill which promises so much for California Indians. You will also see (p.50) that Collett is opposed to the Kahn Bill and says that "it does not have any just basis for settlement"! We feel that it is the most just Bill ever proposed for California Indians, and, as you can see for yourself by reading the Bill (H.R.9497, pp.2-5 of the Hearing) it provides for all of the Indians of California and for the complete administration of the fund, while the Raker Bill provides only for a lawsuit which would probably go on forever and even if won leaves the matter up in the air, making no provision whatever for the administration of any reward that might be made.

With kind regards to yourself and all your people.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 11, 1926

My dear Mrs. Armer:

The Annikadel manuscript has arrived so that there was no need of my telegram. Very many thanks.

I appreciate your continued kind interest in the matter and am sorry that you returned my little check. I cannot however rest with a clear conscience while you are actually out of pocket on my account. I beg therefore that you will deposit the check enclosed which is drawn to cover what I figure to have been your expenditure for postage and expressage.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. Laura Adams Armer
1329 Arch Street
Berkeley, California

June 11, 1926

Mr. Sidney Armer
417 Montgomery St.
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Armer:

You were very kind and thoughtful to send me that airplane letter containing suggestions in regard to possible illustrators for the Annikadel myth.

I have tried both Maynard Dixon and E. W. Deming and have a number of their pictures on hand. Both have done good work but they are not sufficiently familiar with the mental attitude and conceptions of our California Indians.

I appreciate your suggestions and am thankful that both you and Mrs. Armer have maintained such a kindly sympathetic attitude.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 11, 1926

Dr. H. H. T. Jackson
Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

The two Bear skulls from Dr. W. H. Chase of Cordova, Alaska, to which you called my attention a week ago, were examined by me yesterday and prove of much interest and value. One is a young-adult male, the other an immature female, both from Hinchinbrook Island, Alaska, and topotypes of my Ursus nuchek. So far as known to me they are the only existing skulls of that species in addition to the type, and are interesting as substantiating the tooth characters of the species.

Were these skulls a present from Dr. Chase or am I supposed to pay for them?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 11, 1926

Mr. A. H. Howell
Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Howell:

When at the Museum yesterday I was so stimulated by the acquisition of the two topotype skulls of Ursus nuchek recently received from Dr. W. H. Chase of Cordova, Alaska, that I forgot to record the numbers of the skulls and other data on the labels. I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly drop me a line covering this information.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 11, 1926

Librarian
American Museum Natural History
New York City

My dear Sir:

I shall be greatly obliged if you will send me with bill for same one copy of Volume 17, Part 5, of the Bulletin of the American Museum Natural History, entitled The Huntington California Expedition--The Shasta, by Roland B. Dixon, pages 381-498, July 1907.

If I knew the price I would enclose check, but will remit on receipt of bill.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 11, 1926

Mr. John J. Madigan, Chief Clerk
U. S. Geological Survey, Washington

My dear Mr. Madigan:

Very many thanks for your promptness in sending me the Santa Rosa Quadrangle, California, for which I wrote a few days ago. But the two copies just received have the forested areas indicated in green and therefore are not suitable for platting the distribution of Indian tribes in watercolor. I can use them to advantage however and shall be still further indebted if you will kindly send me two copies without the color overlay.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 11, 1926

Dr. Roland Dixon
Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Doctor Dixon:

In examining the results of some of my field work on New River and Salmon River Indians, in comparison with your published results, I find myself perplexed on several points. For instance, practically every word of your 'Konomihu' vocabulary as published in the Bulletin of the American Museum (pp.497-498,1907) differs radically from the word for the same object obtained by me from different members of the tribe in different years. This leads me to suspect that the words given you as 'Konomihu' were really in the language of your New River tribe. The two seem to be transposed.

In your paper on the Shasta-Achomawi--A New Linguistic Stock (Am.Anthropologist,Vol.7,No.2,1905) you record seven words as New River, but do not say where or from whom they were obtained. In your later paper (Bul.Am.Mus.,1907) you make no mention of the New River Indians except on the small map. What is to be inferred from this?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 12, 1926

Mr William O. Hart
Clerk, Comm. Indian Affrs
House of Representatives

My dear Mr Hart:

Very many thanks for your kindness in sending me the bundle of copies of the Hearing of May 5, which I am mighty glad to have. Am sending most of them to intelligent California Indians who are anxiously awaiting word from Congress.

Can you tell me whether or not the Hearing on H.R. 9836 is to be published? And if not, whether I could be allowed to make a copy of my testimony (of Feb. 6) for my personal file?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 14, 1926

Biological Survey Rooms
U.S. National Museum

Dear Mrs. Snyder:

You asked me the other day about the location of the place for which you had spellings Natwashina and Nakwisna. I find the locality to be on the northwest coast of Baranof Island a few miles north of Sitka. It is known on Coast Survey Charts and in the Alaska Dictionary as Nakwasina Passage which separates Halleck Island from Baranof Island.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 14, 1926

Mr. Stephen Knight
Ukiah, California

Dear Mr. Knight:

It has been some time since I have written you, but I have been enormously busy. Have now had four Hearings in behalf of California Indians before Congressional Committees--two in the House and two in the Senate. The Hearing of February 6 has not yet been published, and I have both asked and written in the hope of finding out whether or not it will be published.

The Hearing of May 5 on the Raker and Kahn Bills was printed three or four days ago and I at once mailed you a copy without waiting to write. I hope you receive it all right.

Apparently no action will be taken during the present Session unless it be on the socalled Johnson-Swing Bill, which provides that the Government Appropriations for Health and Education be turned over to the California State Boards of Health and Education for disbursement. This will be a good beginning.

After you have read the Hearing of May 5 you may have some questions to ask.

In regard to the names I wrote you about, would say that the word chow'-we occurs in connection with the people of certain localities farther south, for instance in Bah-tik'-la kah'-le chow'-we,

which is the name the Sebastopol people call themselves, I know that Bah-tik'-la kah'-le is the Elderberry tree, but don't know what chow'-we means.

The word chum'-mi or tum'-mi occurs as the terminal part of several names, as Kah'-tah-we chum'-mi for the Healdsburg people, We'-shah' tum'-mi for the Rockpile people, and so on. Both these words (chow'-we and chum'-mi) would seem to indicate tribe or band. But they do not seem to be in the Yokiah dialect.

Owing to various delays, mainly the result of Congressional Hearings and accompanying investigations, I am dreadfully behindhand in my work, and fear we shall not be able to start for California till near the end of the month.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 14, 1926

Mr. William Hulsey
Big Bend, California

My dear Mr. Hulsey:

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During the past winter and spring I have taken part in four or five Congressional Hearings in behalf of California Indians. This has taken a good deal of time and I am so behindhand in my regular work that I will not be able to start for California until about the end of the present month. I hope to see you at some time during the season.

With kindest regards to yourself and Mrs. Hulsey, in which Mrs. Merriam and my daughter Zenaida join,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 14, 1926

Mr. William Wiley
Colusa, California

My dear Mr. Wiley:

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Mr. Jesse Berryessa
Sites, California

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Mr. Lewis James
Ledoga, Calif.

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Very truly yours,

June 14, 1926

Mr. ~~William~~ Walter Moody
Montgomery Creek
Shasta County, Calif.

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C. H. Merriam

June 14, 1926

Mr. E. N. Lafonso
Chico, California

My dear Mr. Lafonso:

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With kindest regards to yourself and Mrs. Lafonso, in which Mrs. Merriam and my daughter Zenaida join,

Very truly yours,

June 14, 1926

Mr. William Fuller
Soulsbyville, Calif.

My dear Mr. Fuller:

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With kindest regards to yourself and Mrs. Fuller, in which Mrs. Merriam and my daughter Zenaida join,

Very truly yours,

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Mr. Sam Spring
Canby, California

My dear Mr. Spring:

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Chief San Diego
Stonyford, Calif.

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Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 14, 1926

Mrs. Margaret Beuvelot
Sebastopol, California

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Mr. John Sommerville
Big Pine, California

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Very truly yours,

C. Kelly Mannix

June 14, 1926

Mr. Jack Williams
Fall River Mills
Shasta Co.,Calif.

My dear Mr. Williams:

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C. Kelly Mannix

June 14, 1926

Mr. Charlie Kloodke
Antler, California

My dear Mr. Kloodke:

By today's mail I am sending you a copy of the Hearing of May 5 before the House Committee on Indian Affairs in relation to the Baker Bill and the Kahn Bill. If you will read over some parts of it carefully, especially Mr. Collett's statement on page 50 that he is not in favor of the Kahn Bill, and my remarks (pages 50 to 63), and especially my comparison of the two Bills on the lower part of page 59 and the top of page 60, I think you will be able to judge as to which Bill you prefer.

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Very truly yours,

June 14, 1926

Mr. C. I. Billy
Hopland, California

My dear Mr. Billy:

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Very truly yours,

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June 14, 1926

Mr. Charles Ely
Geyserville, Calif.

My dear Mr. Ely:

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Very truly yours,

C.

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Mr. Albert Wilder
Orleans, California

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Very truly yours,

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Mr. Sam Lopez
Smith River, Calif.

My dear Mr. Lopez:

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With kind regards to yourself and wife,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 14, 1926

Secretary, Oregon Historical Society
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

Can you send me the Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society, Vol. XI, No. 33 (September 1910) entitled Peter Skene Ogden Fur Trader, with bill for same? I would remit herewith if I knew the price.

A prompt reply will oblige as I am expecting to go to California about the end of the month.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 18, 1926

Dr. H. H. T. Jackson
Editor, Journal of Mammalogy
Biological Survey, Washington

Dear Doctor Jackson:

Many thanks for the proof of my Buffalo article. It is remarkably excellent proof and is returned herewith with almost no corrections.

I notice that you regard Buffalo as a singular word and add an 's' for the plural. I am wondering if you pursue the same course in the words fish, quail, antelope, sheep, bear, and deer.

As I shall be traveling in California at the time the separates are printed I have taken the liberty to ask that they be sent to you at the Biological Survey. If you can ascertain the cost before I leave I will send you a check for the amount at once.

Thanking you for having this material set up so promptly,

Very truly yours,

June 23, 1926

Mrs. Geo. N. Mickel
American Red Cross
Madera, California

My dear Mrs. Mickel:

A copy of your letter of June 5 addressed to Miss Carden has been referred to me with a request that I write you in regard to the activities of Rev. F. G. Collett. This is a very delicate subject and one on which I do not care to express my mind fully. You know of course that he was the cause of the Governor's veto of the two bills passed by the California Legislature appropriating $125,000 for the help of suffering California Indians. If I had known nothing about him before, this act alone was sufficient to cause loss of respect.

You know also doubtless that for a number of years he has been soliciting and obtaining money from Indians in various parts of the State.

If you will read what Collett says on page 50 of the Hearing of May 5 before the House Committee on Indian Affairs (copy sent you) you will see that he opposes the Kahn Bill--the best Bill ever introduced in Congress on behalf of California Indians.

If you will turn to the lower part of page 59 and the upper part of page 60 of the same document you will find the contrasting point of view.

I dislike to oppose any person who is working for California Indians, but I cannot refrain from expressing the feeling that I do not approve either his methods or his point of view. Chapters might be written on this subject.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 23, 1926

Dr. E. W. Gifford
Editor, American Anthropologist
Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Gifford:

Herewith I am enclosing a manuscript entitled Source of the Name Shaste for publication in the Anthropologist, if you can make room for it.

Please send proof to Lagunitas which will be my headquarters from the middle of July until fall.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

SOURCE OF THE NAME SHASTE

C. Hart Merriam

The source of the name Shaste seems to have been long overlooked. Stephen Powers failed to learn anything about it, and was equally unsuccesful in his attempt to ascertain the name by which the Shaste Indians designate their own tribe.[1]

Roland Dixon, in his valuable work on the Shasta (1907) says of the name, that its origin and meaning "are both obscure", and even suggests that it may have been derived from the name of an old man "whose personal name was Shastika (Sŭstĭka)." At the same time Dixon was aware that the name was "in use by both Achomāwi and Atsugewi", but for some unknown reason concluded that "it is not a term for the Indians of this stock [Shastan] in the languages of the surrounding stocks."[2] Nevertheless Gatschet, in his Klamath Dictionary, published 17 years before Dixon's paper, specifically states that the Klamath name for the Shaste is Shasti (alternate Sasti), and adds that "the usual form Shasta is a corruption of Shasti".[3] And as well known,

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1 Powers, Tribes of California, p.243, 1877.

2 Dixon, Roland B.--The Huntington California Expedition, The Shasta.--Bull.Am.Mus.Nat.Hist.Vol.17,Part 5,p.384,July 1907.

3 Gatschet, A.S.,Dictionary of the Klamath Language, p.290,1890. Gatschet gives the forms Sasti and Shasti as interchangeable, adding that the Klamath Lake people call the members of the Shasti tribe Sástiam maklaks. The name given me for the Shaste by the Pit River Achomawe is Saa-te'-che (alternate Shas-te-che).--

the Klamath tribe (Lutuame) adjoin the Shaste on the east.

But Dixon's paper was published three years before the publication of Peter Skene Ogden's 'Snake Expedition Journal' of 1826-1827 in which the matter is settled once for all. Peter Ogden, one of the most indomitable and determined of the remarkable series of leaders of the Hudson Bay Fur Company's explorers and trappers, spent a couple of months in the pursuit of beaver in the Klamath Lakes country, after which he moved westerly or northwesterly to the upper waters of Rogue River, where, under date of Feb. 10, 1827, his Journal contains the following entry: "Here we are among the Sastise. Course this day west. The stream we are on [Rogue River] has no connection with the Clammitte River [Klamath]; it flows south then west to a large river. These Indians know nothing of the ocean."[4]

Four days later he writes: "I have named this river Sastise River. There is a mountain equal in height to Mount Hood or Vancouver, I have named Mt. Sastise [Mt.Pitt,west of the main Klamath Lake]. I have given these names from the tribes of Indians." [5]

Under date of March 9 he spells the name Sasty, saying: "At early hour with aid of 2 small canoes crossed over Sasty River, all safe over by 4 P.M." And again, on the 13th: "We left the Sasty Forks in our rear." [6]

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4 Journal of Peter Skene Ogden: Snake Expedition,1826-1827. (As copied by Miss Agnes C. Laut in 1905 from Original in Hudson's Bay Co.House,London,England.)--Quarterly,Oregon Historical Soc., Vol.XI,No.2,p.213, June 1910.

5 Ibid,p.214

6 Ibid,p.216

The earliest appearance of the name in print, so far as known, is in Arrowsmith's 'Map of British North America' published in 1832 (2d Ed. 1834,in J.Arrowsmith's London Atlas). This map shows 'Shasty River' well north of the 'Clamet' [Klamath], occupying the course of the turbulent stream now known as Rogue River. Charles Wilkes in his Map of the Oregon Territory, 1841, follows Arrowsmith in adopting Ogden's name Sasty (but spelling it Shaste) for Rogue River. The same is true of Gallatin's 'Ethnographical Map of Oregon'[1848] [7] from Hale's 'Ethnology of the American [Wilkes] Exploring Expedition'.

T. C. Elliott, in an editorial footnote on page 213 of Ogden's Journals, mistakes the Shasty River of Ogden and Wilkes (which is in Oregon) for Pit River (incorrectly spelled Pitt) which is in California.

That the upper part of Rogue River is the Sastise (or Sasty) River of Ogden is obvious not only from Ogden's own account of his movements but also from the maps of Arrowsmith (1832 and 1834), Wilkes (1841), and Gallatin (1848), this part of which is avowedly based on information from Ogden.

In 1835, Michel La Framboise, a French-Canadian trapper and interpreter, gave Dr. Gairdner, then stationed at Fort Vancouver, a list of Indian tribes which includes both 'Clamet' and 'Sasty'. Of the location of the latter he says, "On a river

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7 Trans.Am.Ethnological Soc.,New York,Vol.2,1848.

of the same name to the west of No.30. [No.30 is the 'Clamet'.][8] La Framboise, in common with other Hudson Bay trappers of the time, was of course familiar with Ogden's names.

Prior to 1851 much confusion existed in relation to the courses of the rivers of southwestern Oregon and northern California. Bonneville's Map of 1837, entitled 'The Territory West of the Rocky Mountains,' puts the name 'Claymouth' on Rogue River for its entire course--ten years after it had been named Sasty or Sastise by Peter Ogden.

Several maps issued in the forties and early fifties show the upper reaches of Klamath River in approximately the correct position, but following Bonneville, Hale and others in deflecting the middle course to the northwest, making it a tributary of Rogue River. But B. F. Butler's 'Map of the State of California' showing the Gold Region, published in San Francisco in 1851, reverses the usual practice by showing the upper part of Klamath River as rising from the western slopes of Mt. Pitt in Oregon, thus confusing it with the Sasty River of Ogden [Rogue River], which is made to flow southwesterly [across the Siskiyou Mountains!] to reach the proper lower course of Klamath River in northern California; while the actual upper part of Klamath River is labeled Shaste River!

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8 Notes on the Geography of the Columbia River by the late Dr. Gairdner.--Journ.Royal Geog.Soc. London,Vol.XI, p.256,1841.

The earliest map I have examined in which the name Shasta River appears on the stream now known by that name--a tributary to Klamath River from the south--is a manuscript 'Sketch Map of the Northwest part of California', drawn by George Gibbs in 1851 (photostat in my possession from original in Indian Office).

It has been shown that the word Saste is the Klamath (Lutuamé) name for the tribe which since the publication of Hale's Ethnography 80 years ago has been commonly known as Saste (Shaste, or Shasta). It is known also that Peter Skene Ogden after spending two months among the Klamath Indians in the winter of 1826-1827, and consequently familiar with their name for the adjoining tribe on the west, entered the territory of that tribe and deliberately gave its name to the river on which he found them [now known as Rogue River], and to the great mountain at its head [now known as Mt. Pitt]. It is one of the tragedies of geographic nomenclature that these names, by reason of a break in the continuity of local knowledge of the region, have been transferred to features remote from those upon which they were originally bestowed. Still, it is something to be thankful for--from the standpoint of Anthropology--that both the great mountain and the river to which the name was transferred are still within or bordering on the territory of the Shasta tribe.

Origin name Shaste 6

While the name of the tribe is now firmly established as Shaste (or Shasta), it should be kept in mind that this is not the name by which they call themselves. Their name for themselves is Ge-kahts or Ke-katch (once given me as Gik-kahtch). Roland Dixon got it in the form Kikatsik.

June 24, 1926

Oregon Historical Society
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sirs:

Very many thanks for your promptness in sending me a copy of the Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society, Vol.11, No.3, in compliance with my request. My check for the amount ($1.50) is herewith enclosed.

Very truly yours,

June 24, 1926

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith I enclose bill of $1224.80 from the Semmes Motor Company for a new Dodge car, to be driven from here to California and there used in field work. The car was delivered today and seems to be in excellent condition.

By purchasing it here instead of in California we save nearly $400 in cost of car not to mention my railroad fare and sleeper.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly send check direct to the Semmes Company, charging same to the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 29, 1926

Miss Ella Welborn
Fifth Avenue Hospital
New York City

My dear Miss Welborn:

Very sorry to learn that you were ill and trust that a brief treatment at the hospital will prove all that is necessary.

To what address shall I forward your June pay check?

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Also kindly send bill to your home address — 3200 - 16th St. N.W. Washington D.C.

June 30, 1926

Carr Drug Co.
Muncie, Indiana

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is a dollar for which please send me to above address its equivalent in Dr. Hinkle's Pink Cascara Pills No.3. Kindly pack in two containers.

Very truly yours,

C. H. T. [illegible]

July 3, 1926

Mr. Howard Truslow
Secretary, Lagunitas Improvement Club
Lagunitas, Marin County, Calif.

My dear Sir:

In response to notification signed jointly by Mr. Watson and yourself I herewith enclose my check of $3. in payment of dues in the Lagunitas Improvement Club to July 1926.

I hope that the promised work on the upper road has been done.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 3, 1926

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for the month of June, amounting to $52.32, together with the vouchers enumerated below, all of which kindly pay from the Harriman Fund and oblige

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Zenaida Merriam assistant $90.

F. L. Merriam map colorist $56.

Ella Welborn, stenog-asst $125.

Reed S. Baker, Photo developing, printing and enlargements $22.60

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th St., Washington

Expense Account for June 1926

1926				
June 3	Geo.F.Muth Co. water color paints for maps	1	3	46
8	N.F.Morrison, Dixon's Shasta-Achomawi	2	1	00
10	Allen's Press Clippings for May	3	3	00
14	N.M.Minnix 100 manila guides	4	2	00
16	Virginia Paper Co. 2,000 sheets 7x10 Blue Munising	5	3	20
21	D.N.Walford, Aluminum cooking set $10., 1 camp chair $1.25	6	11	75
25	Miller-Dudley Co. Auto dash & caul lights, put in		2	00
25	Taubman Auto Supply Co., trouble light $1.; tire chain and lock $2.; tire gage $1.50; rubber cloth $3.38		7	88
26	Emerson Co., small camp axe		2	00
30	D.N.Walford, set tent pins, $1.; set running board straps $2.50		3	50
	Running board rack $1.50		1	50
	Postage and stamped envelops		2	44
	Florence Johnson, cleaning office rooms month of June	7	5	00
	Electric current May 19-June 19 $3.78 [1/3 of $3.78 = $1.26]	8	1	26
	Gas, May 25-June 25, $7. [1/3 of $7. = $2.33]	9	2	33
			$52.32	

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C. Hart Merriam

Telegram

1919 16th St.
Washington, D.C.
July 10, 1926

Mrs. Julius Kahn
San Francisco, California

Indians in Northern California write me that they have been told that you have withdrawn your support from the Kahn Bill. Can this be true? This Bill is by far the best measure yet proposed to help California Indians. C. Hart Merriam

July 10, 1926

Mr. M. B. Gardner
San Geronimo, Calif.

My dear Mr. Gardner:

The enclosed bill for Lagunitas water rent until June 1927 has been forwarded, as you see. I am enclosing my check therefor herewith.

It has been a dreadful disappointment to us that we were not able to go to California before this. But I had a piece of work to finish which had to be done and which is now practically out of the way, so that we hope to start in three or four days.

I have purchased a Dodge Sedan for the trip, and Mrs. Merriam and Zenaida have been equipping it with various necessities for the field.

Hoping to see you about the first of August, and with kindest regards from all of us to all of your family,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 11, 1926

Jones & Van Doran
800 Eighth Ave
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your Campolog recently recd.

I am in trouble about runningboard tanks or canteens. I have a Dodge Sedan which I am about to drive to C California. The doors leave only 8 inches above the running-board, so a ten inch tank is impossible unless it can go in front of the door. Your 112, 14 inches long, may just work, but I am not sure. Please send me one by express at once, as I expect to start on Friday of this week. I am enclosing my check for $5.95 (as per your catal). But if it wont go on without blocking the door, I'll return it.

Very truly yours,

E. Hunt Sullivan
1919 - 1687.

July 12, 1926

Publisher
Science & Scientific Monthly
Lancaster, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Kindly change my mailing address for the summer, beginning now, from '1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C.' to 'Lagunitas, Marin County, California', returning to the old address the 1st of November.

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

Similar letter to:

American Forestry, 1523 L St., Washington, D. C.
American Motorist, Mills Bldg., 17th & Pa. Ave., Washington
Calif. Out-of-Doors, Tamalpais Conservation Club, 317 Flood Bldg., San Francisco, Calif.
Field and Stream, 24 W. 45th St., New York City
Literary Digest, 354 Fourth Ave., New York City
Motor Land, 1628 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, Calif.
National Geog. Magazine, Sixteenth St., Washington
Nature Magazine, 1918 Hartford Ave., Baltimore, Md.
Outdoor Life, 1824 Curtis St., Denver, Colo.
Outlook, 381 Fourth Ave., New York City
Scientific Monthly, Lancaster, Pa.
Sunset Magazine, 460 Fourth St., San Francisco, Calif.
Boonville Herald, Boonville, N.Y.

July 14, 1926

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Dorsey:

I expect to start for California in the new Dodge on Friday or Saturday of this week and shall be obliged if you will kindly send me an advance of five hundred dollars from the Harriman fund for field expenses, as usual.

Very truly yours,

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July 16, 1926

Hon. Scott Leavitt
Chairman, Committee on Indian Affairs
House of Representatives, Washington

My dear Mr. Leavitt:

Very many thanks for the Hearings before your Committee of Feb. 13 to May 20, received this morning.

I am very glad to have this document and shall be greatly obliged if you can send me a couple of dozen copies.

I am leaving for California in the morning and shall be glad if you will kindly send these to my summer home, Lagunitas, Marin County, California. This will be my address until sometime in November.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 16, 1926

Dear Doctor Bunnell:

For the past two or three months we have been hoping to finish up so that we could start for California, but as you see we are still here. We expect to leave in the morning in our new Dodge car and hope to arrive at Lagunitas on or shortly after August 1.

A few days ago I came across the enclosed photographs which I took in 1901 of John Muir and family. Thought you might like to have them.

With kindest regards from us all to your wife and yourself, both of whom we hope to see in the not distant future,

Yours
C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Sterling Bunnell
Physicians Building
Sutter Street, San Francisco

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July 16, 1926

Dear Doctor Stephens:

Doubtless you have been thinking of us as on the road for some time past, but alas we are still here.

My manuscript on the Pit River Indians, just finished, was accepted for publication by the Smithsonian yesterday, and the accompanying map will be made by the Geological Survey.

Elizabeth has done a really remarkable job in the way of making various covers and auto packs for the new Dodge sedan and if all goes well we hope to hit the trail tomorrow. Barring unforseen delays we should reach Lagunitas very early in August.

With love to you all,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens
1250 Bay Street
Alameda, California

July 16, 1926

Mr. Pompeo Martinelli
Lagunitas, California

Dear Mr. Martinelli:

When I wrote you last I thought we would get off in the next few days, but various matters have detained us, so that we are still here. We expect to start on our long drive in the morning and hope to arrive at Lagunitas about the first of August.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street
Washington, D. C.
July 17, 1926

Dear Julia:

Here is a letter recently arrived for you.

We have had a rather intense heat wave for some days which broke with a terrific storm two or three days ago. The storm gave us a deluge of water and tore down a large number of trees, including two or three in the immediate neighborhood of our house. One on Judge Van Devanter's sidewalk was twisted off and thrown across the street to our side, smashing the front of an automobile parked against our sidewalk.

But it is clear and relatively cool now and we hope to set out for California in the morning. We are two months or more late, which is greatly to be regretted but cannot be helped. We have bought a new Dodge car for our field work in California and Elizabeth has done a wonderful job in making packs of various sorts for the equipment.

Our address as always in summer will be Lagunitas until some time in November.

With love from us all,

Mrs.C.L.Merriam
1008 Washington St.
Watertown, New York

July 16, 1926

Dear Sheldon:

We are still here, as you see, but we have strong hopes of pulling out tomorrow in our new Dodge car, bound for Lagunitas.

Yesterday my article on the Pit River tribes of California was accepted for publication by the Smithsonian, to appear in their Miscellaneous Collections during the late summer. They want me to pay the cost of publication ($200) which on top of the colored map the Geological Survay is making ($238) cuts quite a chunk out of the Harriman Fund.

In looking for some old letters in my copy book for 1913 I came across the enclosed to Roosevelt which I thought might interest you.

Doubtless you and Mrs. Sheldon and the children are having your usual run of outdoor exercise and interests, which will of course do you all a lot of good. I only wish that California was not too far for your summer outings, so that we might have a chance to show you some of the many attractive forests and canyons of the State.

With love to you all from all of us.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Charles Sheldon
Kedgemakooge
Nova Scotia

July 17, 1926

Cashier
Crocker First National Bank
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing check of $400 on the National Metropolitan Bank of this city, drawn to your order, which kindly credit to my account.

I am just starting for California, so that my address until late in the fall will be, as usual, Lagunitas, Marin County.

Very truly yours,

July 18, 1926

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my Expense Account for July 1-17 amounting to $36.76,which kindly pay from the Harriman Fund as usual.

At the end of the month please send pay vouchers to my two assistant-stenographers for the month of July at the usual rate of $125 per month, after which there will be no further payment. The addresses to which these vouchers should be sent are:

Miss Miriam Holmes, 2426 19th St., Washington,D.C.

Miss Margaret Carvell, 16 Charles St.,New York City, Care, N. Raymond, Apt. 40.

I am now setting out to drive to California and hope to arrive at Lagunitas on or about August 2. Lagunitas will be my address until late in November.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th St., Washington

Expense Account for July 1-17, 1926

1926					
July	6	G.W.Goodloe,additions to Pit River map		2	00
	6	4 fillers for notebook			20
	6	Semmes Motor Co. change oil, $1.50; extra fan belt.70; two new spark plugs $1.50	1	3	70
	7	D.M.Walford,gold medal table $6.; water bucket $1.50	2	7	50
	8	Livingston,Inc., 1 doz.sheets carbon paper	3		50
	12	Semmes Motor Co., greasing and labor on car	4	8	25
	12	Semmes Motor Co., can flash .15;cup grease .40; set bulbs $1.75; dust cap .15	5	2	35
	13	Jones & Van Doran, Inc.,New York, #112 auxiliary tanks [for water & oil,for running board of car.]	6	5	95
		Stampt envelops			55
	17	Florence Johnson, cleaning office rooms,July 1-17,incl.	7	4	00
	14	Expressage from New York, on #112 auxiliary tanks	8		56
	16	Telegram to San Francisco		1	20
					$36.76

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July 18, 1926

Mr. H. W. Dorsey, Chief Clerk
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Thanks for your letter of the 15th instant telling me that my paper on the Classification and Distribution of the Pit River Tribes of California has been accepted for publication in the Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections.

I accept your suggestion that the cost of printing ($200.) be paid from the Harriman Fund so that the name E.H.Harriman Fund may appear on the title page in similar manner to that of the sample sent me.

I am sending the manuscript to Mr. True today.

The accompanying map in ten colors is in the hands of Mr. Koebel, in charge of map engraving, U.S.Geological Survey. Mr. Koebel estimates the cost at about $230, which I expect to pay from the Harriman Fund. Mr. Koebel tells me that it will be necessary to have a letter of authorization from the Smithsonian addressed to the Director of the Geological Survey, requesting the Survey to engrave and print 2000 copies of this map. The 200 copies over and above the 1800 necessary for the edition of the Miscellaneous Collections please hold until my return. Please write necessary letter to Geological Survey.

My summer address until sometime in November will be as usual Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

Very truly yours,

E. H. Harriman

July 18, 1926

Mr. W. P. True, Editor
Smithsonian Institution

My dear Mr. True:

Herewith I am sending you the manuscript of my article entitled Classification and Distribution of the Pit River Tribes of California for publication in the Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections. I have just written Mr. H. W. Dorsey accepting his suggestion that the Harriman Fund pay $200, estimated cost of publication.

I regret that the necessity for my immediate departure for California does not admit of giving the desirable editorial attention to the manuscript. I should be glad to receive any suggestions from you before the paper goes to press. My address from August 1 until late in November will be Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

Very truly yours,

E. H. Harriman

July , 1926

Potomac Electric Power Co.
Fourteenth and C Sts.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Today I am closing my house--1919 Sixteenth Street--for the season, and do not expect to return until November.

I have turned off the electric current at the main switch in the basement under the stone steps at the front of the house, and no current should be used until my return.

Respectfully,

July , 1926

Water Department
Municipal Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I have today closed my house--1919 Sixteenth Street--for the remainder of the summer, and have turned off the water where it enters the house. No water should be used in the house until my return in November.

Respectfully,

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July 19 ,1926

City Postmaster
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am closing my house and leaving for California tomorrow, after which please have my letter mail forwarded until further notice to Lagunitas, Marin County, California. I do not expect to return until November.

The members of my family to whom mail should be forwarded are Mrs. Merriam and myself and Miss Zenaida Merriam.

Very truly yours,

July 19, 1926

Chief of Police
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Today I am closing my house--1919 Sixteenth Street--for the season, and do not expect to return until some time in November. I shall be obliged if you will kindly have your patrolmen keep an eye on the house from time to time as they pass.

Should anything occur to require attention, please notify Mr. or Mrs. Vernon Bailey, 1834 Kalorama Road, or Mrs. Marian Baker, 1905 Sixteenth Street, or if they are away, Dr. A. K. Fisher, Biological Survey.

My address until October will be Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

Respectfully,

July , 1926

Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

We are closing our house--1919 Sixteenth Street--today, and do not expect it to be reoccupied before November.

I shall be obliged, therefore, if you will discontinue the phone until further notice.

Respectfully,

July ,1926

Washington Gas Light Co.
411 Tenth Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Today I am closing my house--1919 Sixteenth Street--for the season and do not expect to return until November.

I have turned off the gas, where it comes in from the street, just before reaching the meter. No gas should be used in the house until my return.

Respectfully,

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August 3,1926

Dear Doctor Abbot:

Thanks for your letter of July21, received on the morning after our arrival, August 1.

I agree to the omissions suggested on pages 5, 6, 7, and 8 of my manuscript on the Pit River Indians, and am returning herewith the introductory pages you sent.

We left Washington in our new Dodge car about noon on July 19 and arrived at our Lagunitas home the evening of August 1, thus completing the transcontinental trip in thirteen and a half days.

In 1913 we were 31 days in crossing; in 1914, 21 days. This means that the roads now are real roads for much of the way, though there still remain long stretches of clayey or adobe road dangerously slippery when wet. We passed over several such in the rain, all cars slipping and sliding from side to side, some turning crosswise and some going over the bank.

The reason I did not give you the whole introduction when I took the main part to your office is that it was not then written, though I was gathering the material for it.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr C.G.Abbot, Acting Secretary
Smithsonian Institution

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With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr C.G.Abbot, Acting Secretary
Smithsonian Institution

Retake of Preceding Frame

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August 5, 1926

Mr William O. Hart
Committee on Indian Affairs
House of Representatives

Dear Mr Hart:

Very many thanks for your kindness and trouble in sending me 25 copies of the Hearings on H. R. 7826. They were wrapped by someone who knows how and came in perfect condition. They will be appreciated by a number of our leading California Indians.

You may be interested to know that I left Washington with my wife and daughter the day you wrote me and drove to our California home at Lagunitas in just 13½ days. My first trip across (in 1913) took 31 days; my second, 21 days.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 8,1926

Hon. Chauncey S. Goodrich
1010 Mills Bldg,San Francisco

My dear Sir:

On Friday the 6th I called at your office and saw the notice on the door that you would return at 3, but as my boat left at 2.15 I was obliged to defer seeing you until my next visit to the city.

was sorry to miss miss Bowler as she wanted to see me before going north, but was delayed in getting away from Washington and the auto trip across took 13½ days.

Very truly yours,

August 8,1926

Miss Alida C. Bowler
1010 Mills Bldg, San Francisco

My dear Miss Bowler:

Too bad I did not arrive in time to see you before your departure for the north. Our auto trip from Washington took 13½ days. I went to the city on Friday the 6th but found a notice on Mr Goodrich's door saying that he would be back at 3, and since my boat left at 2.15 I could not wait.

As soon as I can get away I am going on a field trip to the northeastern part of the state, after which we shall be glad to see you here at Lagunitas and learn of the outcome of your trip.

Very truly yours,

August 9, 1926

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for latter half of July, amounting to $146.80, and voucher for Zenaida Merriam, assistant, July 1-18, $52, which please pay from the Harriman fund as usual.

We made the trip without accident in 13½ days, the only trouble being slippery roads during and immediately after rains.

The expenses of the trip compared with railroad and Pullman fares, and the much higher cost of a car at this end of the line, show a most satisfactory saving.

Very truly yours,

Dr. C.Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin Co., California

1926		
July 9	Allen's Press Clipping Bureau. Clippings for June	300
18	Expressage to Fidelity Storage for shipment July 28	200
19-31	Trip, Washington, D.C. to Wadsworth, Nevada	
19	Washington: 17 gal gas, 4.93: oil in engine & canteen 2.50	743
	Meals	200
20	Cumberland, Md.: Ft. Cumberland Hotel, room	350
	Car night storage 1.00 : oil 1.50	250
	Uniontown: 12 gals gas	360
	Meals	250
21	Wheeling, W. Va.: Hotel Windsor, room	350
	Car night storage, grease & labor	330
	Columbus, Ohio: 10 gals gas	280
	Meals	150
22	Alton, Ohio: room at Richey's	200
	Indianapolis: 14 gals gas	345
	Meals	175
23	Marshall, Ill.: room at Mrs R. Hurst's	200
	Oil 1.50 ; 6gals gas 1.26	276
	St.Louis: 6 gals gas	135
	Meals	150
24	Fulton, Mo.: Palace Hotel, supper, lodging & breakfast	325
	Millersburg: 8 gals gas	184
	Kansas City: 11½ gals gas	300
	Meals	150

25	Manhattan, Kansas: Hotel Gillett, room	2.00
	Car night storage .50; oil changed & grease 2.35	2.85
	Junction City:7gals gas 1.75;Ellsworth: 4gals gas 1.00	2.75
	Meals	1.75
26	Wakeeny,Kansas: American Hotel, room	1.25
	Car night storage .25; oil, .25	.50
	22 gals gas(Quinter9,Flagler 8,Agate 5)	5.42
	Meals	1.50
27	Deer Trail, Colo. : Hank's Hotel, room	1.00
	Car night storage	.50
	Denver: Gabriel snubbers tightened	.35
	Allison Motors inc., oil changed,grease,gas & labor	13.88
	Meals	2.25
28	Laramie, Wyo.: Hotel Conner, room	2.00
	Car night storage	.50
	17 gals gas	4.65
	Meals	2.00
29	Green River: Tomahawk Hotel, room	3.00
	Car night storage .50; 8 gals gas 2.48; oil 1.75	4.73
	Meals	2.50
30	Salt Lake City: Hotel Utah	6.00
	Car night storage.50; oil 2.10;	2.60
	21 gals gas 6.34; Wells,Nev.:ignition wire fixt .25	6.59
	Meals	2.25
31	Elko,Nev.:Commercial Hotel,room .50;Car storage .50	2.00
	Winnemucca:oil 2.10;labor 1.50; gas	
	En route:8 gas 1.90;meals 1.75	3.65

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August 10, 1926

Mrs Helen O. Trotter
5314 Shafter Avenue
Oakland, California

My dear Mrs Trotter:

Having recently arrived from Washington for the usual season's field work I am wondering if you are yet available for the position of stenographer-assistant, which I spoke to you about last year.

Am now setting out on a trip likely to take about ten days, after which I expect to be at Lagunitas for a while.

Very truly yours,

August 10,1926

Mrs Leslie Ganyard
Bureau of Occupations
University of California.

My dear Mrs Ganyard:

Just now I am in need of a young woman for the position of stenographer-assistant. She must have a good general education and a good measure of common sense--no frills or paint.

At the start I usually pay $125 per month, with a fair chance of promotion if satisfactory. It is possible that the right person might become my permanent secretary.

My work is mainly in anthropology, field zoology and botany; an interest in any of these would be helpful.

Am just now about setting out on a field trip, to return to Lagunitas in about ten days.

Unfortunately, the person with the training and disposition I need is usually not a stenographer-typist.

Very truly yours,

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August 10,1926

Prof. William S. Cooper
University of Minnesota

Dear Professor Cooper:

Your letter of July 28 is at hand. It was written while I was still struggling with the roads in Nevada on my third Auto-trip from Washington to California.

Your plan for an intensive study of the Glacier Bay region with relation to the glaciers and the animal and plant life appeals to me strongly, but I doubt very much if it would appeal to Mrs Harriman. She likes to see prompt publication of results, but the studies you contemplate, like my own, require years of patient hard work before anything final is ready for the press.

Regretting that I do not know of any individual or institution likely at this time to finance such an undertaking, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

August 13, 1926

Semmes Motor Co.
Dodge Cars
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

In applying for my California License for the Dodge Sedan I purchased from you(through your Mr Hichew)in late June, I am told that I must file a Washington Certificate or Bill of Sale to prove legal ownership, before I can get a California license. I have nothing of the kind with me and shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send one to my California address, Lagunitas, Marin County.

You may be interested to know that I made the trip with my family in 13½ days from Washington, and without serious trouble.

Very truly yours,

E. [illegible] Harriman

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August 30, 1926

Dr Robert H. Lowie
Dept Anthropology
Univ California

My dear Dr Lowie:

On returning from a field trip I find a letter from Dr Gifford (in response to an inquiry) telling me that you are still editor of the Anthropologist and that you have my article on the name Shaste(or Shasta) and expect to publish it sometime in 1927.

If you cannot publish it this year I shall be obliged if you will return the manuscript to me addressed to Lagunitas, Marin County, California. I will remit postage.

Very truly yours,

August 30, 1926

The Trident
U.S. Naval Academy
Annapolis, Maryland

Please send me, addressed to Lagunitas, Marin County, California, a copy of the TRIDENT for June of the present year (Vol 2, No 4).

This number, which I have just seen, opens with an article by W.W.Anderson, entitled 'A Midshipman of '56'.

It so happens that the Midshipman in question, Gustavus F. Merriam(later Major, U.S. Army during Civil War)was an uncle of mine. He was killed by a street car in Los Angeles three or four years ago.

Can you tell me how his youthful journal happened to fall into the hands of the TRIDENT? I should be glad to possess the original if its present owner is willing to part with it.

Am enclosing 50 cents for copy of June Trident & postage.

Very truly yours,

August 31,1926

Mr S. J. Kubel
Chief, Div. of Engraving
U.S. Geological Survey

Dear Mr Kubel:

During a recent auto-trip of 1008 miles to and through the Pit River country in NE California I got from indians a rather important correction for my map of the Pit River tribes. I find that the Nam-mah-we tribe did not extend far enough south to take in Horse Lake Valley, but stopped at the south end of Madeline Plains their SW corner being the north peak of the Fredonyer Range. Their SE boundary is a line running SW from the summit of McDonald Peak to the north peak of Fredonyer Mts.(NE of Eagle Lake).

Another, though less important correction is an extension of the territory of the Ap-woo-ro-kā- to cover the whole of Willow Creek Valley SE of Eagle Lake.

Unfortunately I have no copy of the photographic maps I gave you just before leaving Washington, the Survey photographer having sent me only a single print of each size. So the best I can do is to send you a tracing of the area in question from the Forest Service map from which my original was made. This is enclosed herewith. On it I have indicated by blue pencil the line (boundary) to be corrected.

Kindly have the corrections made and add cost to your bill against my Smithsonian fund.

With best wishes, Very truly yours,

S. A. Barrett

August 31,1926

Dear Sheldon:

We made the trip from our house in Washington to our house at Lagunitas in just 13½ days. Contrasted with our first crossing (1913) in 31 days, and second in 21 days, this speaks plainly of the improvement and growth of roads. Nevertheless there still remain distressing stretches of clay and adobe which when wet set cars slipping and dancing beyond human control.

A few days after reaching Lagunitas we made a trip to the northeastern corner of the State to get a few needed additions and corrections to insert in the proof of my article on the Pit River tribes. We drove 1008 miles and got material from seven tribes.

How are you all, and are you seeing Deer and Moose and other interesting beasts and birds as usual?

Zenaida spent a week in the Sequoia National Forest a few days ago and photographed a number of Deer and Bear. Since I was there last they have become so tame that in many cases it is difficult to get far enuf away to take even a close-up. And it is easy to photo Bears standing erect begging or reaching for food. They are a nuisance to auto-campers.

There have been severe forest fires this summer but not in our part of California.

We often think of you all and wish you could be here to enjoy this beautiful region and to join us in our auto drives in the canyons.

Elizabeth and Zenaida join in love to you all. As ever yours,

Sept.1, 1926

Dr C. G. Abbot
Acting Secretary
Smithsonian institution

Dear Doctor Abbot:

After opening our house at Lagunitas Mrs Merriam and I drove to the Pit River country in the northeastern corner of California in order to check my manuscript with members of the several tribes for corrections and additions. (Round trip 1008 miles; much of it over lava rocks)

Obtained one important and several minor corrections, and a considerable number of rancheria and tribal names not in the manuscript. I can fix these in the galley proof, but it would be much less expensive to attend to them in the manuscript if it has not yet been set up. If not set, kindly return and I will make the necessary corrections and additions at once.

Very truly yours,

Sept 4, 1926

Mr W. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account for August, amounting to $175, which kindly pay from the Harriman Fund as usual.

Had a great trip to the northeastern corner of California and got what I went for--corrections and additions to my paper on the Pit River tribes. Much of the way was over bare lava rocks.

Drove 1008 miles in ten days besides working with seven tribes. While the Dodge is not a fast car, it is so much faster than the old 'Baby Grand' that I am always surprised at the distance we go in a day.

You would have enjoyed the welcome we got at a lonely cattle ranch in Dixie Valley--one of the most remote and most inaccessible valleys of the State. Isolated folks are always glad to see people from "the outside".

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin County, Calif.

Expense Account for August 1926

Aug	1	Wadsworth, Nevada: Room	1	2	00
		Gold Run, Calif. Tire vulcanized		1	00
		Auburn: 9 gals gas @23½ $2.12; grease.30		2	42
		Napa: 8 gals gas @ 22 $1.76; meals en route $2.50		4	26
	3	San Rafael:Sparrow Bros, Step light switch		1	75
		12 gals gas @22 $2.64; lunch .50		3	14
	4	Allen's Press clippings for July	2	3	00
		Am Ry Express:Chest of Vocabs, MSS, &maps from Washn	3	11	23
		" " " Trunk & pkg from Washington $27.75 1/3	4	9	25
	6	Fare San Raf-SanFran ret 60; street cars 40; meals 1.75		2	75
		San Raf,L.A.Nichols:Oil,labor & cleaning car	5	11	45
	13	Fare San Raf-San Fran ret.60; streetcars 40; meals 1.75		2	75
		Crocker Stationery Co; Notebooks and pads		1	20
		Neal-Stratford Co: Journal 1.05; mending tape .35	6	1	40
		8 gals gas 1.76; hubs greased .50		2	26
	14	Healdsburg 5 gals gas 1.15; grease 25; meals 1.35		2	75
	15	Ukiah: Palace Hotel, Room & bath	7	2	50
		Car storage 50; Meals 2.25		2	75
		Williams: Tire vulcanized 1;5 gals gas 1.18		2	18
		Red Bluff: 4 gals gas 98; work on car 50		1	48
	16	Corning: Hotel Maywood, room & bath	8	3	00
		Car storage 50; greasing & repairs 2;bkfst & lunch	1.50	4	00
	17	Lake Almanor:Supper,ldg, & bkfst	9	4	00
		" " Paid Notokoio Indians		4	50
		Westwood: 8 gals gas 2.16; lunch & dinner 1.25		3	41

18	Susanville: Room at Mrs Rosenberry's			2 00
	Car storage 50; Change engine oil 2.50			3 00
	Pd Indians 1.50; Bkfst & lunch 1.25			2.75
19	Likely, Modoc County: Sup,ldg & bkfst		10	2 00
	" Paid Indians 3; Dinner Niles Hotel,Alturas		75	3 75
	Alturas: 8 gals gas @ 30, 2.40			2 40
20	Adin, Modoc Co:Supper,ldg & bkfst		11	2 00
	Pd Big Valley Indians 4.50; lunch 50			5 00
	Pittville: 5 gals gas @29			1 45
21	Snell Ranch,Dixie Valley: Lodging & bkfst			No charge
	Fall River Indians 3.50; dinner 50			4 00
22	Fall River Mills: Supper, ldg & bkfst		12	2 00
	Pd Indians 1.50; dinner & supper 1.50			3 00
	Lassen View Station: 7 gals gas @ 24½			1 72
23	Arbuckle: Arbuckle Hotel, room & bath		13	2 00
	Car storage 50; 7 gals gas 1.61; meals 2.			4 11
	San Rafael: 7 gals gas @ 22			1 54
25	" " Bay View Auto Factory: Repairs to runningboard			3 50
	" " -Sanfran ret,60; Streetcars 50;meals 1.75			2 85
27	" " L.A.Nichols: Grind valves, change eng oil		15	10 25
	" " - Sanfran ret,60; streetcars 40; meals 1.50			2.50
30	Am Auto Assoc,Calif branch,Dues, maps &c to Sept 192716			12.00
	San Raf-Sanfran ret,60; street cars & phones 65;meals2.50			3 75
31	Hotel Manx:Room & bath		17	3 00
	Meals 2; Taxi to Acad Sci 40; Postage for August 160			4 00
				175 00

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175.00

Sept.7,1926

Mr R. E. Ford
Semmes Motor Co
Washington,D.C.

My dear Mr Ford:

Many thanks for your letter of August 20 enclosing certified copy of Bill of Sale for the Dodge Sedan you sold me on June 24 last.

On presenting it to the California Motor Vehicle Department I was immediately given a windshield paster permitting me to drive in the state till Dec.31--at which date I expect to be back in Washington.

Thanking you for your courtesy and promptness in the matter,

Very truly yours,

Sept. 7,1926

Mr E. W. Ammerman
San Rafael Dist.Mgr.
Calif.Automobile Assoc.

My dear Mr Ammerman:

Please pardon my delay in acknowledging your courtesey in furnishing a Non-resident Permit for my Dodge sedan on August 28.

I at once pasted the Permit on the lower right hand corner of the inside of the windshield, according to your directions.

At date of expiration of Permit (Dec.31) I expect to be back in Washington, D.C.

With thanks for your kindness in the matter,

Very truly yours,

Sept. 7, 1926

Dr Robert H. Lowie
Editor, Am. Anthropologist
Berkeley, California

My dear Dr Lowie:

Thanks for your letter of September 1 and my manuscript on the name Shaste.

It is good to know that The Anthropologist has so much material ahead for publication. Another good thing would be a liberal publication fund.

Very truly yours,

Postage and registration fee enclosed.

Sept.8, 1926

Miss Agnes Chase
Board of Editors
Washn Acad Sciences
Dept. Agriculture
Washington, D.C.

My dear Miss Chase:

Herewith I am enclosing an article on the Source of the Name Shasta, which it occurs to me you might deem fit for publication in the Journal of the Washington Academy of Sciences. If practicable, it should appear before the end of the current year.

If accepted, please have galley proof sent to me at Lagunitas, Marin County, California, where I expect to remain until late in November.

Very truly yours,

Sept.8, 1926

Mr Chauncey S. Goodrich
1010 Mills Building
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr Goodrich:

In compliance with your request I will give a brief and very informal talk at the lunch meeting of the Indian Section of the Commonwealth Club on September 23. It willhave to be most informal as I expect to be in the field until just before the meeting.

I am glad to know that Miss Bowler will speak also, and trust there will be a general discussion.

Very truly yours,

September 12, 1926.

Prof.D. L. Thornburg
1618 Grand Avenue,
Piedmont, Calif.

Dear Professor Thornburg

Pardon my delay in replying to your letter, which arrived before we reached Lagunitas. We were three months late is coming and drove across in my Dodge Sedan in thirteen and a half days.

As soon as practicable after opening the house, Mrs. Merriam and I drove 1008 miles to and through the north eastern corner of the state, working with seven tribes of Indians.

Tomorrow I am setting out for the Trinity and Klamath rivers to secure additional information before publishing on the tribes of those areas. After I return I will let you know when I expect to be at home for a few days. Coming so late it is necessary for me to push my field work as rapidly as possible.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM/BM

Sept. 12, 1926

Mr U. S. Grant,Librarian
Natural History Museum
Balboa Park, San Diego
California

My dear Mr Grant:

Your request for separates of papers on Natural History subjects, and for information as to how to procure old volumes of the Proceedings of the Biological Society of Washington reached me after a roundabout journey.

I motored from Washington to California this summer and expect to be engaged here in field work until the latter part of November. Shortly after my return to Washington I will pick out a set of remaining separates of my papers for your library.

You may be able to purchase back volumes of the Biological Society's Proceedings by addressing Dr H.C. Oberholser, U.S. Biological Survey, Washington. If not, write me in December and I will see what I can do.

Very truly yours,

Sept. 12, 1926.

Dr. Joseph Grinnell
Museum of Vertebrate Zoology
University of California
Berkeley, California.

Dear Doctor Grinnell:

Your letter of August 22 expressing interest in my article on the buffalo in California awaited my arrival from a field trip in the northeastern corner of the state. I am just now setting out on a trip to Trinity and Klamath rivers.

Your paper on the Pocket Gophers interests me greatly. You certainly have made a valuable contribution, and the colored plate by Brooks surprises me greatly by its excellence. Brooks has developed into a most remarkable natural history artist, and practically without instruction. He surely is a genius as well as a fine man.

Hoping to see you before the end of the season, and with best wishes to you all, as ever

Very truly yours,

CHM/BM

September 12, 1926.

Mailliard & Schmiedell
203 California Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your notification that the insurance on my house at Lagunitas, to the amount of $5150.00, will expire October 5th.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly renew for three years, as heretofore.

Very truly yours,

CHM/BM

September 12, 1926.

Hon. William Kent
Kentfield, Marin Co.
California.

My dear Mr. Kent:

Replying to your letter of the 4th inst. in regard to a contribution on Indians to your forthcoming book on the Tamalpais region, would say that I have the matter under consideration and will talk with you about it later.

I have recently returned from a field trip in the north eastern corner of the state and am just setting out on a trip to Trinity and Klamath rivers.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM/BM

September 12, 1926.

Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co.
San Rafael,
California.

Attention: Manager

Dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me a copy of the May 1926 issue of the San Francisco and Bay Counties directory, received by last mail.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM/BM

Sept. 18, 1926

City Postmaster
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am greatly disturbed by notices from the publishers of two scientific periodicals stating that publications of value properly addressed to my permanent home at 1919 Sixteenth Street had been returned as "UNCLAIMED".

In view of the circumstance that I built my house at 1919 16th Street forty years ago and have lived there ever since, except when away on official business, I am led to inquire whether it is the practice of the Washington Postoffice to destroy or return to sender mail properly addressed which happens to arrive during one's absence from the city?

Several hundred dollars worth of such mail come to Washington for me every summer while I am absent on field work. Mr Thomas, mail carrier for the district in which I live, has for years taken care of my 2d class mail during my absence.

Very truly yours,

Sept. 20,1926

Dr E. W. Gifford
Parnassus & 2d Ave.
SanFrancisco, Calif.

Dear Dr Gifford:

Returning from another field trip I find your letter of September 18 notifying me of the return from Washington of a number of the Anthropologist which was properly addressed to my house, 1919 16th Street. This was a serious error on the part of the local branch of the Washington office and I have written the City Postmaster about it.

Please do not change my permanent address on your mailing list, but send the returned number to me at Lagunitas and I shall be greatly obliged.

Very truly yours,

E. [illegible]

Sept. 20, 1926.

Thomas A Bigelow,
Forest Ranger,
Sawyers Bar, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Do any Indians live in the Cecilville country?

If so, can you give me the names of one or two intelligent manor women who speak English?

If there are no fullbloods left on South Fork Salmon, are there any halfbloods who know the old language?

I am told that a road is being built from Forks of Salmon to Cecilville. How near Cecilville does this new road go?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 25, 1926

Chamber of Commerce
Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Dear Sirs:

A few days ago I saw a small map of an area in Northern California and Southern Oregon taking in your region and Crater Lake, and showing connecting roads to the Pit River country in California.

If this map is still obtainable I would be greatly obliged for two copies and will gladly remit cost of same.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 25, 1926

Mailliard & Schmiedell,
203 California Street,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sirs:

Many thanks for your courtesy and promptness in sending me renewal of my house insurance from October 5, 1926 to October 5, 1929, Atlas Assurance Company, Policy No. 186939.

My check for the premium, $72.10, is herewith enclosed.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 25, 1926

Mr. Gabriel Moulin,
153 Kearney Street,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Sir:

Thanks for your memorandum of the twenty-fourth inst. enclosing prints from the last batch of films I left with you for printing and enlarging. I am obliged to you for these and am enclosing herewith a list of the negatives from which I would like to have enlargements made, postal size.

I am enclosing also some of the prints which I have trimmed more or less in order that the enlargements may be made to correspond with these as trimmed.

Please make the prints as clear and sharp as possible and make two enlargements from each negative.

In returning prints and films to me from now on, I shall be obliged if you will kindly mail the prints one day and the negatives the following day, so that in case of accident (as has happened twice in the past twelve years) the whole thing will not be lost. Many of the Indian negatives are of the only survivors of their tribe.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 25, 1926

Major John J. Madigan
Chief Clerk, U. S. Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

My dear Major:

Very many thanks for your promptness and courtesy in sending me for official use the two plans and profiles of Middle Eel River, California, just received.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 26, 1926

Miss Agnes Chase,
Editor of the Journal,
Washington Academy of Sciences,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Chase:

Many thanks for your letter of the 15th instant which I found on returning from a field trip among indians in the Northwestern part of the State.

I am glad to know that you have accepted for publication my paper on the source of the name "Shasta" and that it will appear in the second October issue.

Please have 150 reprints with covers made at my expense, of course. Could you have a half-dozen copies sent to me here at Lagunitas and hold the others until my return to Washington?

Very truly yours,

September 26, 1926

Mr. Harry George
Lookout, California.

My dear Sir:

At last the photographs I promised you have come back from the printer and I am sending copies to you herewith.

I was very glad to meet you and hope to see you again some of these days.

With best wishes to you all.

Yours very truly,

September 26, 1926

Miss Miriam Holmes
Women's University Club
943 South Hoover Street
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Miss Holmes:

On returning to Lagunitas I find your letter, without date, from Los Angeles. We all are greatly surprised to hear that you are in California.

It will not be practicable for me to give you employment here at Lagunitas and it is too early to say positively what I shall be able to do during the coming winter. However, it seems probable that I will be glad to have you go on with the dictionary work during the winter.

Mrs. Merriam and Zenaida join me in kind regards and in the hope that you are in excellent health.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 26, 1926

Mr. Billy Quinn
Lookout, California.

My dear Sir:

The photographs I promised to send you have now arrived and I am enclosing them herewith and hope you will like them.

With kindest regards to all your people.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 26, 1926

Mr. Jack Williams
Likely, Modoc County
California.

My dear Sir:

It is a long time since I saw you and took your pictures. I had expected to send these to you earlier but they have only just come back from the photographic printer. I hope you and your wife will like them.

Since I saw you I have been on a long trip in the Northwestern part of California and in Trinity River Canyon.

Some of these days I want to see you again and have a longer time to talk with you, but I am afraid I cannot go there again this year.

With best wishes and kind regards also to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam.

September 26, 1926

Mr. Walter Moody
Montgomery Creek
Shasta County
California.

My dear Sir:

On returning from a trip in the Trinity River Country and along the coast I find prints of the photographs I took of you and your family. I am sending you a set herewith. I am also mailing you a copy of the Congressional Hearing I promised to send you. Some of these days I hope to see you again.

With regards to Mrs. Moody and the girls from Mrs. Merriam and my daughter.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam.

September 26, 1926

My dear Mrs. Taylor:

You were very good to write me again and to tell me something about your family and present abode. Mrs. Merriam and I are always glad to hear from you and wish the limited time at our disposal would enable us to see you at least once every year.

This year we were very late in coming. We drove across the continent from Washington in 13½ days, arriving in early August. Immediately after opening our house at Lagunitas my daughter joined a party bound for Sequoia National Forest while Mrs. Merriam and I made a drive of 1008 miles to the Northeastern corner of the State, where I worked with seven tribes of Indians.

After returning from that trip I went to the Northwestern part of California, to the coast region, Hoopa Valley and Trinity Canyon; and as soon as I am able to finish proof reading of an article now passing through the press I shall set out to visit tribes in the Middle Sierra Region.

When my season's field work is finished we shall try to call on you at Oakland. It doesn't seem possible that both Mary and Venorris are married. This reminds me that I, myself, am twice a grandfather. It certainly is a long time since

Mrs. G.H.T.

we have met.

If it were practicable to arrange a date we would be delighted to have you and Professor Taylor visit us at Lagunitas but I am here only between field trips and rarely know long enough in advance to arrange to see our friends. However, we shall surely try to see you before returning to Washington.

With kindest regards to yourself and Professor Taylor, and the children when you see them.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. George H. Taylor
Harrison Apartments
Oakland, California.

September 26, 1926

Miss Alida C. Bowler
Executive Secretary,
Indian Defense Association
1010 Mills Building
San Francisco, California.

My dear Miss Bowler:

In looking over the mail that accumulated during my recent field trip I have come across your letter of the 17th instant, enclosing copies of letters relating to the threatened destruction of Indian Pictographs in caves in Owens Valley. I have no personal knowledge of these caves but it goes without saying that they are of archeological importance and should be preserved if possible. I regret that I do not see any way by which I may help in the matter but trust that you will be more successful with others whom you have approached on the subject.

With best wishes.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Oct.11,1926

Mr N. W. Dorsey
Accountant, Smithsonian
Institution, Washington

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for September, amounting to $153.72 and voucher for Zenaida Merriam, assistant, amounting to $[illegible], which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman fund.

Have made two important trips during the past four weeks: one by rail and stage to the lower Trinity River country where I got the name and a few words of a tribe believed to have been extinct many many years. The name of this tribe was unknown. I mapped its boundaries long ago but only now secured its name--from the only survivor.

The other trip, from which I have just returned, was by my car to the Pit River country to secure additional material and corrections for my paper on these Indians. Drove 874 miles, got the needed material, and got out of the mountains just in time to miss a bad storm--which however caught me at this end of the line.

Arch M. Gilbert had just returned from Texas and I persuaded him to go along for expenses--thus saving Zenaida the fatigue and exposure of so long a trip so late in the season.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif. 216

Expense Account for September 1926

	Allens Press Clippings for August(on Indians)	1	3	00
				60
Sept 7	Ret Fare, San Anselmo-San Francisco	2	1	45
	Writing tablets & photo envelopes		1	90
	Streetcars .40; meals 1.50			75
	Car storage 50; Battery testing 25		2	20
	Ten gals gas @22	3	3	99
8	Gabriel Moulin: Photo work		1	45
10-11	Sausalito Ferry, ret. self and car		1	16
	S.F.- Oakland ret.36; Street cars Oakland & S.F.80	4	4	10
	Hotel Oakland: Room & bath		6	00
	8 rolls film 2; meals (2 days) 4.	5	3	40
	J.E.French Co. Repairs & greasing car		1	12
12	50 Stampt envelopes		1	20
13	Telegram to Smithsonian for Pit River MS		12	75
	RR fare San Rafael- Eureka $12; supper 75	6	3	75
	Sleeper " " "			
14	Stage, Eureka to Hoopa Valley ; meals 2.		2	00
	Paid Hoopa Indians	7	1	00
15	Lodging, Hoopa Indian School		2	00
	Stage, Hoopa - Willow Creek		2	00
	Auto hire:Willow Cr - South Fork and Saxy's		4	50
16	Paid Indians 3; meals 1.50	8	1	00
16	Willow Creek: Lodging		9	75
	Stage, Willow Cr-Burnt Ranch 1.75; Burnt Rch-Redding 8.		2	00
	Meals	9	2	50
17	Weaverville: Room & bath		6	80
	Pickwick Stage, Redding-San Francisco		2	50
	Meals	10	2	60
18	SanFrancisco: Sutter Hotel, Room & bath		2	00
	Train to Lagunitas 1; meals 1.	11	1	50
15	Woolwine Oil canteen	12	5	00
23	International Journal Am. Linguistics, Vol 4		1	25
22	Sausalito-SanFran ret .30; Streetcars .30; Lunch .65			42
	Ferry S.F.-Alameda & Oakland & ret		1	15
23	Mills Botanical Garden & S.F.Streetcars 40; Lunch 75		1	20
24	SanFran Streetcars 40; Lunch 80		2	54
	Sausalito car storage 2 nights 1; 7 gals gas 1.54		1	50
25	SanRafael: Engine oil changed (6 qts.)		1	50
	Headlights adjusted 75; Battery 75		1	00
	Fifty 2-cent stamps		6	00
26	Ethel G. Abbott, Stenographer: Services 5; RR fare 1	13		
27	Gabriel Moulin: 109 postal size photos Indians(my negs)	14	27	25
	L.A.Nichols, San Rafael: labor on clutch & hubs	15	1	00
		16	12	25
30	Gabriel Moulin, Photo work	17	5	75
	Waverly Press: Reprints, Buffalo in Calif. by C.H.M			94
	Insured Parcel post packages to indians at Lookout, Shasta Co.(Mrs Eliza Quinn & Mrs E.D.Quinn)			
			153	72

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October 15, 1926

Mr Chauncey S. Goodrich
President, Indian Defense Assoc.
of Northern & Central California
1010 Mills Bldg., San Francisco

My dear Mr Goodrich:

Your invitation of the 11th instant awaited my return from an auto trip of 876 miles among half a dozen tribes in the northern part of the state.

I shall be happy to attend the dinner if I may go informally and sit back somewhere where my plain clothes will not be too conspicuous--as I have no dinner suit here, having driven out from Washington with my family. I appreciate your courtesey in the matter and shall be glad to be there.

Am starting today to attend a meeting of Indians on upper Russian River, they having sent an urgant request for me to come.

Very truly yours,

C. Hunt Townsend

Oct.19,1926

Mr S. J. Kubel
Chief, Division
of Engraving,
U.S. Geological Survey

Dear Mr Kubel:

Not having heard from you I fear some hitch has developed in regard to my map of the Pit River tribes.

However, I am expecting to return to Washington so soon that the matter may as well wait till I see you. In the course of another trip to the region the Indians called my attention to another error in the map, which will need correction.

Very truly yours,

Oct. 20,1926

Postmaster
Alturas, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly inform me how far west of Alturus is the so-called Essex Hot Spring; and also whether it is on the north or the south side of the highway that runs from Alturus to Canby and on.

Very truly yours,

Oct. 28, 1926

My dear Mrs Knickerbocker:

In response to your request for sale of tickets for the December entertainment at the Lagunitas Canyon Clubhouse I am taking the liberty of substituting my check for Ten dollars, and am returning the tickets.

Zenaida leaves tomorrow for Washington, via Panama Canal, and Mrs Merriam and I follow by rail in a few days.

With best wishes for Mr Knickerbocker and yourself personally, and for the success of the entertainment and the Club,

Very truly yours,

Oct 28, 1926

Mr Sam Steele
Alturas Calif.

My dear Sir:

Here are prints of the photographs i took of you early in the month. i think they are very good and hope you will like them.

I am sorry I did not meet you a year ago. Next season i shall try to find you and have more time with you.

Just now we are packing up to go back to Washington for the winter.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

October 28,1926

Mr Robin Spring
Canby, Modoc Co.
California

My dear Sir:

Enclosed are prints of the photographs i took of you at the time of by brief visit the early part of this month. i think they came out very well.

What news from your brothers, Sam and Willie? I hope the operations on their eyes were successful.

We are going back to Washington in a few days and hope to return to California early in the spring.

With best wishes to you all,

[Telegram]

San Francisco, Oct. 29, 1926

Miss Agnes Chase, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

Shasta proof all right. No corrections. Thanks.

C. Hart Merriam

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Laqunitas, Calif.
Nov. 8, 1926

Dr C. G. Abbot, Assistant Secretary
Smithsonian Institution, Washington

Dear Doctor Abbot:

At last I am returning (herewith) the galley proof of my papor on the Pit River Indians, which came a long time ago. Dont faint when you look at it.

On reading it I realized more than before that there were many gaps that should be filled. So I hitched up my car and drove back to the Pit River country--round trip a thousand and eight miles. Got much new material and a few corrections, but some of the Indians I wanted to see were away. So, after putting in the new matter, I made a second trip and found most of the looked-for Indians. Found also a couple of small pox camps--but that did'nt matter. Secured much more material, which is now incorporated in the proof.

Kindly have two copies of the corrected galley (not yet page) sent to me at 1919 16th Street, as we are going to start back tomorrow--by rail.

Have been delayed by various other Indian affairs --such for instance as having been sent for to speak at a meeting of Indians up Russian River, and as having sessions with the Indian Defense Association, and so on.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Charge corrections to Harriman Fund

Washington, D. C.
December 1, 1926

Dear Holmes:

Fifty four years ago you and I, as members of the Hayden Government Expedition of 1872, traversed the deserts and sage plains of eastern Idaho and explored the vaguely known Geyser region of the upper Yellowstone. We were young then — young, ambitious, and blessed with the priceless enthusiasm of early manhood. So, when brought under the alluring influence of strange environments we responded whole-heartedly, while preparing for the privations and ordeals soon to come.

Daily association with men of the mettle of Henry Gannett, Wm. H. Holmes, Wm. H. Jackson and John M. Coulter, in times of happiness and plenty, and in times of adversity and distress, served not only to broaden the vision but proved an inspiration which after the passage of more than half a century is still a living force.

Of our companions on that memorable expedition, the only ones now living, so far as I have been able to ascertain, are Coulter and Jackson, and you and I.

It would be too much, my dear Holmes, to refer to the indefatigable activities of your long life, or to your voluminous contributions to the various departments of science in which you have attained eminence, but your many friends wish you to know how truly they appreciate what you have done, and how genuinely they rejoice that your mental vigor, at the ripe age of eighty years, gives promise of good work still to come.

With heartiest congratulations and affectionate regards

Very truly yours,

Prof. W. H. Holmes, Director
National Gallery of Art
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

November 17, 1926

Mr. W. S. Shenton
On Hand Clerk
American Railway Express Co.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing two cards from you announcing the receipt of packages addressed to me at my house, 1919 - 16th Street, which were forwarded to my California address. I have now returned and shall be obliged if you will have the packages delivered at my house, 1919 - 16th Street. Your reference numbers are 19840 and 20684.

Very truly yours,

November 17, 1926

Mrs. Addison Bybee
Milford
Utah.

My dear Mrs. Bybee:

Pardon my delay in replying to your inquiry of October 15. I have only just returned from the season's field work.

Unfortunately, I can not give you a sentence in any Shoshonian language meaning "The Land of Hidden Waters" for which you inquire. Can you not obtain the equivalent of this sentence from living Ute Indians in your own state? There are plenty of them in the northeastern part. It would be most unfortunate from my standpoint, to use the language of any tribe other than the one formerly inhabiting your region.

Very truly yours,

Original Defective

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November 17, 1926

Professor Oliver P. Hay
U. S. National Museum
Washington, D. C.

Dear Professor Hay:

On returning to Washington I find, still unanswered, your letter written more than a month ago, inquiring about the alleged "government experts" H. J. Georfi and Jos. Harrell, who were alleged to have found remains of the sabre-tooth tiger and mastodon in the Ojai Valley.

I never heard of these men, nor of the alleged find.

Regretting my delay in replying,

Very truly yours,

November 17, 1926

Mr. H. R. Wagner
90 El Camino Real
Berkeley, California.

My dear Mr. Wagner:

Returning from my summer's field work in California, I regret to learn from your letter of the 5th instant, that your new book on "Sir Francis Drake's Voyage," which you were good enough to send to me, had been returned by the Express Company. This was a most unfortunate and unnecessary error on their part.

If you will kindly re-ship the book, charges collect, addressed as usual to my house, 1919 - 16th Street, I shall be greatly obliged.

With kind regards to Mrs. Wagner and yourself

Very truly yours,

November 18, 1926

Dr. Stephen T. Mather, Director
National Park Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Mather:

Your tempting invitation to meet the Field Representatives of the National Park Service at dinner at the New Willard tomorrow evening, reaches me just as I have returned home from the season's field work in California.

While it would be a pleasure to meet you and your field representatives, I regret that I do not feel able to accept.

Very truly yours,

C. M. Harrison

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November 19, 1926

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith I transmit my belated account for the month of October, amounting to $113.56, which please pay from the Harriman Fund, as usual.

You see I have returned from California, so that my address until next spring or summer, will be as usual, 1919 - 16th Street, Washington.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

1919 - 16th Street, Washington, D. C.

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Oct.	2	San Rafael, 14 gal. gas $2.52; 2 gal. Mobile oil $2.80		5	32
	4	Trip north: Lunch & dinner, self & Asst. (Arch Gilbert)		3	00
	5	Allen's Press Clippings for Sept.	1	3	00
		Red Bluff, Tremont Hotel, room, self & asst. (A. Gilbert)	2	5	00
		Redding, Miller-Shipley Co., changing engine oil 1.80; pr. weed chains, 7.00	3	8	80
		Bkfst. & lunch, self & Asst. @ 1.25		2	50
	6	Adin, Modoc Co., Sup. Ldg. & bkfst, self & Asst. (A.M. Gilbert)	4	4	00
		Lunch, self & Asst. @ .50		1	00
	7	Likely, Lassen Co., Sup. ldg. & bkfst., self & Asst., (A.M. Gilbert)	5	4	00
		Lunch & dinner, self & Asst,		2	50
	8	Redding, Golden Eagle Hotel, room, self & Asst. (Gilbert)	6	4	50
		Meals, self & Asst.		4	00
	11	San Rafael, engine oil changed		2	10
		San Francisco, garage .50; Lunch .75; Ret. Sausalito -San Francisco .30; carfares .20		1	75
	12	San Rafael, 13 gal. gas 2.34; greasing car 1.50; battery .25		4	09
	15	Healdsburg, 10 gal. gas, 1.90; Meals en route 1.50		3	40
	16	Ukiah, Palace Hotel, room & bath	7	2	50
		meals 1.75; telephone .45		2	20
	17	Santa Rosa, Occident Hotel; room & bath 2.50; tel. 45	8	2	95
		Meals 1.50		1	50
Oct.	19	San Rafael, engine oil changed, 2.10; transmission greased .50; tire vulcanized .75		3	35
	20	Lagunitas, 3 telephone calls to San Francisco			75
	21	Ret. Sausalito-San Francisco .30; Lunch, self & 5 Indians		3	00
	22	San Francisco, Hotel Stewart, room & bath 3.; tel. .50	9	3	50
		car storage .50; meals, self & 5 Indians		4	00
	24	Ret. ferry, Sausalito-San Francisco .30, car storage .50			80
	25	San Francisco: Street cars .20; lunch .80		1	00
		Gabriel Moulin, photographic work (bill of Oct. 13)	10	1	65
		" " " " (bill of Oct. 21)	11	5	75
	29-30	San Anselmo, 8 gal. gas 1.44; car storage .50		1	94
	30	San Francisco, Hotel Stewart, room & bath, 3.50, tel. .70	12	4	20
		Lunch .75, street cars .25		1	00
		October postage and stamped envelopes		1	80
		Subscription, Game Breeder, to October, 1927		2	00
Nov.	3-7	Paid Indians, Old Sally, Likely, 2; Hammahwe, Alturas 2; Hot Springs Valley 1; Big Valley (Atwumwe) 3; Lookout 2; Fig bars, &c. for Indian Children, .75		11	75
		TOTAL		113	56
				114.	56

one hundred and thirteen fifty-six

113.56

November 20, 1936

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens
1250 Bay Street
Alameda, California.

Dear Doctor Stephens:

We arrived on Sunday, the fourteenth, and found everything at our house in good condition, except the temperature. And since the water was turned off at the street, we were not able to start the furnace, and therefore accepted Mrs. Baker's invitation for supper and bed. Early next morning the water was turned on, and I tried the experiment of pressing the button that starts the furnace. To my surprise, the thing went off just as if it had been burning all summer, and it has not given us any trouble since.

Zenaida wired us from New York three days ago that she was going to visit our cousins before returning. A later wire states that she will be here this evening -- which will be highly satisfactory to everybody concerned.

My grand-niece, Floddy, is looking well, and will be with us until my sister and Vernon Bailey return.

That zinc prescription you gave me improved the eye trouble immediately, and there has been no return, for which I am very grateful to you.

It was most kind of you to take us in for our last

night in California, and to take us to the train next morning.

The Smithsonian editor assures me that they will be able to bring out my paper on the Pit River Indians before the end of the year.

It was good to see your wonderful new office and it goes without saying that the change from the old one will be a continuous joy to you and your numerous patients.

We hope that Mrs. Stephens is rid of her throat trouble and that Elizabeth has out-lived her series of colds. Doubtless Stuart is as busy as ever.

With love to you all, in which Elizabeth joins,

As ever, yours

November 22, 1926

Egbert Bagg & Co.
219 Genesee Street
Utica, New York.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your promptness in sending me the renewal of insurance on my house in Washington for the three years ending November 27, 1929, policy number 35934.

The amount of the premium, thirty dollars, is herewith enclosed.

Very truly yours,

C. Mark Hamilton

November 23, 1926

Dear Arch:

One of the things that have worried me during the past month is my failure to acknowledge your letter of October 18th, or to let you know why we could not possibly get over to see you and Angie. I was away on trips part of the time, and reading proof the rest of the time, until we had to close the house and pull out for Washington.

You know of course that the road from Lagunitas to Olima has been closed for a couple of months so that in order to get to the coast one has to first cross the ridge from San Geronimo to Nicasio Valley, and drive thence westerly to Point Reyes, thus consuming an inordinate amount of valuable time.

It was a real grief not to see either of you again. When you left you slipped away so early and so quietly that I did not know you had gone and had no opportunity to talk over matters.

As you know, Zenaida returned by way of Panama Canal, and arrived in Washington only two or three days ago. She is looking unusually well.

Has Angie returned yet, and can it be true that you have permanently located at Bolinas?

My map of the Pit River Indian tribes has been printed, but at present I have no copies. I will send you one later.

With love to you both from all of us

As ever, yours

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Arch H. Gilbert
Bolinas, California.

My map of the Pit River Indian tribes has been printed, but at present I have no copies. I will send you one later.

With love to you both from all of us

As ever, yours

Mr. Arch M. Gilbert
Bolinas, California.

November 23, 1926

Dear Doctor Dall:

Thanks for your letter of the 20th in regard to the name Shasta. I am glad to know what the Russian colonists in California called the great mountain, but the facts set forth in my recent article definitely prove the Indian derivation of the name, and furthermore, the mountain (Mt. Pit) to which the name was originally applied by Ogden in 1826, is not visible from the old Russian settlement.

We are very sorry to learn that Mrs. Dall has been ill and is still in the hospital in Boston. We hope she will be cured of sciatic trouble and return in the near future.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

Dr. William H. Dall
National Museum
Washington, D. C.

Original Defective

November 24, 1926

Dear Doctor and Mrs. Bunnell:

That was a great send off you gave us! I have grown so old that I dread dinners and rarely go to them but yours "was something different". In fact, both Mrs. Merriam and myself enjoyed the dinner and the visit so much that we are still talking about it, and agreed that we had not enjoyed any evening so much within our recollection.

We reached Washington on time, and got things going as usual about the house, and have since been joined by Zenaida, who returned by way of Panama and Havana.

I hope Sidewinder has been able to take enough nutriment to keep him alive and that Mephetis is enjoying his usual good health, though it is probably too much to hope that he has become frolicksome.

It was a real joy to be with you both in your own quarters, and a pleasure also that Doctor and Mrs. Hixford were there also. The combination was most congenial.

Trusting that the leg is growing stronger every day, and with kindest regards and best wishes from all three of us

As ever, yours

November 24, 1926

My dear Friends:

We reached home a little more than a week ago and have now been joined by our daughter, Zenaida, who returned by way of Panama and Cuba -- all well.

I have looked up the music which Professor Taylor kindly transcribed for me from Mrs. Rosemeyre's voice twenty-two years ago. The main title is "To-ve-mah". Other titles or sub-headings are "Non-wik-mah," "Si-wah," and "We-vo-e-naht". I was under the impression that they were all parts of the same song, but perhaps not. When my elder daughter, Dorothy (Mrs. Henry Abbot) comes for her Christmas visit I think she will be able to make the copy you wish.

Both Mrs. Merriam and myself were very glad to see you again after so long an interval, and regret that the train schedule did not permit us to stay longer.

With best wishes from us both

Very truly yours,

Prof. and Mrs. George H. Taylor
Harrison Apartments
Oakland, California.

November 24, 1926

Mr. L. A. Barrett
Forest Service
San Francisco, California.

Dear Mr. Barrett:

Unfortunately I was not able to see you before leaving for Washington. The Russian River Indians sent for me to go to a meeting at Ukiah, after which I spent a day in the city and attended the dinner meeting and a later conference with the Indian Defense Association. As a result of all this, we barely finished closing our house in time to make our train for Washington -- so we will have to postpone several matters I wish to talk over with you. Possibly you will come to Washington during the winter. If so, I shall be mighty glad to see you.

Miss Bowler will give you details of what was and was not done in the Indian matters under consideration.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

November 24, 1926

Miss Alida C. Bowler
Indian Defense Association
1010 Mills Building.
San Francisco, California.

My dear Miss Bowler:

Your letter of the 19th instant came just about three minutes ago. I thank you for the information it contains and also for the copy of Collett's report, dated August, 1926. This I am very glad to have.

I am sorry to miss the fireworks at the Meritt meeting, but hope that he will be called upon to answer publicly several meaty questions.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

November 24, 1926

Publishers
Washington Academy of Science
Mt. Royal and Guilford Avenues
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Sirs:

The Journal of the Washington Academy, dated November 18, 1926, contains an article of mine on "The Source of the Name Shasta" (pp.522-525).

The reprints have not yet been received. I am anxious to distribute them as early as possible, and shall be obliged if you will send them to me at my Washington address, 1919 - 16th Street, with bill for same.

Before returning from California, I asked to have them sent to Mrs. Agnes Chase at the National Herberium.

Very truly yours,

November 24, 1926

Mr. W. S. Shenton
On Hand Clerk
American Railway Express
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On the 17th instant, I wrote you enclosing two cards which you sent me, recording the arrival of express packages addressed to me at my house, 1919 - 16th Street, while I was still in California. I asked you to kindly have them delivered at the above address, where I am now living as usual, but thus far they have not been heard from. What is the trouble?

Very truly yours,

November 24, 1926

Capt. Will C. Barnes
Forest Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Captain Barnes:

Thanks for your courtesy in sending me a copy of your compilation entitled "Game Refuges of National Forests," which I am very glad to have.

While in California, a short time ago, I received from you a very valuable and interesting publication on the history of stock raising in the West. It is full of meat and at the same time interesting. I congratulate you on having fathered it.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

November 27, 1926

Editor
The Native American
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a dollar, fifty cents of which please apply to my subscription for 1927, and kindly send me a duplicate set of the numbers for 1926.

"The Native American" contains many articles of interest to me which I wish to cut out and save separately.

Very truly yours,

November 27, 1926

Mr. James McCormick, Secretary
United States Geographic Board
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCormick:

Glad to hear from you again.

Yes, I have a few separates of S. J. Res. 64, in regard to the name of Mount Rainier and am sending them to you by same mail.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

November 29, 1926

Editor
American Forests
1523 L Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Why do you lower the standard of American Forests by publishing from time to time articles on trees without telling what the trees are? I have been annoyed by several such articles, the most recent of which appeared in your November issue under the title "The Western Myrtle," and refers to the tree as it occurs in western Oregon.

The author's description of the tree, so far as it goes, particularly the mention of the three-lobed berry-like nutlets, would identify it as the coast lilac Ceanothus thyrisflorus, which in California is universally known as lilac.

In Oregon, however, the tree called Oregon Myrtle is the laurel or pepperwood, Umbellularia californica. Apparently the two widely different trees are confused in the article under consideration. The description of the wood fits both fairly well. I have seen beautiful tables and other articles of furniture made in Oregon from the laurel, which up there they call myrtle or pepperwood. The picture also appears to be that of a young Umbellularia grown in the open. I never saw nor heard of such a thing

as a densely foliaged symmetrical lilac (Ceanothus thyrsiflorus).

Inasmuch therefore as the term 'myrtle' is correctly applied to one or more vines, to a huckleberry and a bilberry, and to two very different kinds of trees, do you not think it worth while to specify which one you are talking about?

Very truly yours,

C. H. Thurber

November 29, 1926

Mr. James McCormick, Secretary
U. S. Geographic Board
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCormick:

Thanks for the copy just received of your letter to Mrs. George N. McDow of Susanville, relative to the proposed naming of a high unnamed peak in the Lassen region for the late Professor Fairfield, Historian of Lassen County.

The part of your letter however which interests me deeply is your reference to the compilation of a topographic survey of the Lassen region. I am most anxious to see this map and hope it takes in a reasonable amount of the surrounding territory. If you will kindly send me a copy when available, I shall be greatly obliged.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

November 29, 1926

Mr. Homer Sargent
222 Arroyo Terrace
Pasadena, California

My dear Mr. Sargent:

The Biological Survey people have just called my attention to the skin and skull of a black bear sent in by you a short time ago. The specimen is not accompanied by data of any kind so no one here knows where it came from. I did not observe any peculiarity of the skin, but the skull, though fully adult, is very flat. I have had a few of these flat skulled black bears in years past, and am anxious to know more about them.

During the past few years my field work has been restricted to the northern parts of California and I have not been South at all, therefore have not been able to accept your tempting invitation to see your basket collection.

Just now I am reading proof of a paper on the Pit River Indians, which I hope will be published in a month or so, and which I of course shall send you as soon as issued.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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November 29, 1926

Editor
New York Zoological Society Bulletin
101 Park Avenue, New York City

Dear Sir:

Every number of The Bulletin contains information of interest to me as well as to numerous others, but sometimes the information most needed is withheld. For instance, in the last number you mention the big Alaska bear, Ixan, who died apparently sometime ago. You excited one's interest by mentioning his tremendous size, but withheld the important information as to where he came from and what was known as to his age.

You mention also a younger bear whose present size gives promise of even larger dimensions, but you fail to state where this bear is from.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

November 29, 1926

Dr. Henry Weirick
Liberty Bank Building
947 Market Street
San Francisco, California

My dear Doctor Weirick:

When I saw you in San Francisco some time ago I intended to call on you again, but was prevented by the pressure of other matters, including two trips to distant parts of the state. I was obliged to leave on November 10 without seeing you again, which I very much regret.

Hoping to see you on my return to California in the spring,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

November 30, 1926

Mr. Harry George
Lakeport
Lake County, California

Dear Mr. George:

Your letter of November 20 has just arrived. I am very glad you wrote me and told about the meeting at Likely, November 15. And I am glad to know that you and your people did not support Collett. He has already taken far too much money from California Indians.

I wish you and some of your other good men could have gone to Ukiah to the big meeting on November 27. I have not heard from that meeting yet, but I went up there to a meeting before leaving for Washington.

Congress will meet in a few days and I expect that one or two bills for California Indians will be introduced sometime in December.

If there is any chance that it would do any good for you to send a delegate to Washington, I will write you as soon as I find out, but now I do not think it will do any good.

I have not seen the new bills yet, but will let you know about them when they are printed.

Mrs. Gertrude Bonnin, the Sioux Indian woman who is president of the National Council of American Indians, came to see me a few days ago. She hopes California Indians will have nothing more to do with Collett.

With kind regards to all your people

Very truly yours,

November 30, 1926

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for November, amounting to $206.52, together with vouchers for Zenaida Merriam, assistant, work in October and November, eleven days $44. and Doubleday Page & Company, Seaton, "Lives of Game Animals," vol. 2, $25., and for Stella Randolph for services as stenographer-assistant, November 17 to 30 inclusive, $70. which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

1919 - 16th Street, N. W.

Nov.	1	San Rafael, greasing car $1.; 10 gals. gas $1.80		2	80
	4	San Francisco, Hotel Stewart, room	1	3	00
	6	R.R. fare (S.P.RR) San Francisco-Washington	2	103	07
		Compartment G, car 19, San F.-Washington [½ of 66.75]	3	33	37
		Compartment C, car 65, Chicago-Wash. [½ of 23.25]	4	11	62
	8	Allen's press clippings for October (Indians)	5	3	00
	9	San Francisco, Hotel Stewart, room and bath	6	3	00
		Expressage on proof to Smithsonian			67
	8-10	San Francisco, street cars			60
	10-14	San F.-Washington, meals en route $15.; Pullman porter $1.		16	00
					60
	14	Washington, baggage in			
	15	Washington, expressage & Insurance from San Anselmo, Calif. on chest of Ms. and Maps	7	11	23
	16	Washington, expressage & Insurance from San Anselmo, Calif. on books and clippings	8	3	06
			9		85
	18	Half doz. stenographer's notebooks .20		1	30
	23	50 stamped envelopes $1.10; 2 red & blue pencils	10	5	40
	24	Columbia Photo Supply Co., photo work	11	3	70
		Gas to November 25 [½ of $7.40]			
Sept.	14	Stage fare, Humboldt Bay to Hoopa Valley $5.25; paid in Sept. account $2., Balance due		3	25
				206	52

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206.52

December 1, 1926

Mr. E. H. Barney, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Barney:

Herewith I am enclosing my check on the National Metropolitan Bank of this city for five hundred dollars in repayment of the advance sent me about the middle of last July for field work in California.

Very truly yours,

December 9, 1926

Mr. S. J. Kubel, Chief
Map Engraving Division
Geological Survey
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kubel:

Many thanks for the proof of the Fit River Map showing the transposition of Ha-we-si'-doe and the addition of Ko-se-el-lek'-te, and also the addition of Sugar Hill. The corrections are all right in every respect; in fact they are beautifully made, for which I am greatly obliged. I do not think it necessary to indicate the correction of Ha-we-si'-doe by means of a curved arrow. I would let the thing stand as it is. It is entirely satisfactory.

If you can send me a few copies of the map direct I shall be obliged.

The copy you sent was addressed to me at the Smithsonian, involving a delay of a couple of days. My office is in my house, 1919 - 16th Street, and I rarely go to the Smithsonian more than two or three times during the winter.

Thanking you for the trouble you have taken with my map, which I deeply appreciate

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 6, 1926.

Mr. W. P. True, Editor
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. True:

I mailed the proof late yesterday afternoon as agreed, sending it special delivery so that it would be in the hands of the printers early this morning.

Owing to the uncertainty as to the plates I was not able to fill in the plate references before seeing Mr. Gill. I have just come from his office and believe the following to be correct. If these references are sent the printer today special delivery the necessary insertions can probably be made at the time the proof is paged.

Following are the references (by galleys):

Galley 3, under the heading 'The Mo-des'-se Tribe' insert,
Plates - -

Galley 5, under the heading 'Il-mah'-we Tribe' insert,
Plate - -

Galley 7, under the heading 'At-wum'-we Tribe' insert,
Plates - -

Galley 8, under the heading 'As-tah-ke-wi'-che Tribe'insert
Plates - -

Galley 8, under the heading 'Ha-we-si'-doo Tribe' insert,
Plates - -

Galley 8, under the heading 'Ko-se-al-lok'-ta Tribe' insert.
Plate - -

Galley 9, under the heading 'Ham-mah'-we Tribe' insert,
Plates

Galley 10, under the heading 'At-soo-ka'-a Tribe' insert,
Plates - -

Galley 10, under the heading 'Ap-woo-to-kas Tribe' insert
Plates - -

I am enclosing a slip explaining the map. This, it seems to me, should be printed at the end of the introduction (now on Galley 1).

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

December 7, 1926

Beverly Prage
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Sirs:

The Journal of the Washington Academy of Sciences published by you contains, in the issue of November 18, an article by me on the Origin of the name Shasta. I have not yet received my separates of this article and Mrs. Chase, in reply to my inquiry, tells me that they have not been received by her.

Can you not send them to me at once with bill for same? The delay is very annoying.

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

December 9, 1926

Mr. Fred Lockley
1263 North Stark Street
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am returning your book list, number 177, from which I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me the following:

Otis, Col. R. S. The Indian Question,
New York. 1878. $3.00.

My check for the amount is enclosed herewith.

In regard to your lists in general would say that many of the catalogs sent me are so faint that I can not afford to strain my eyes in attempting to read them. Another difficulty is that they are not classified so that it is unnecessary for a very busy man to read the whole thing in order to find out whether or not they contain anything of interest along his lines of work. My personal interests relate mainly to California Indians and history of early explorations relating to California.

Very truly yours,

December 9, 1926

Miss Alida C. Bowler, Secretary
Indian Defense Association
San Francisco, California.

Dear Miss Bowler:

A recent clipping tells of Merritt's glorious talk before the Oakland Forum, dealing as expected in generalities.

It is a great pity that someone familiar with the facts could not have answered him before the same audience.

I forgot to ask you about the final outcome of the Lytton School matter. Was the land purchased and are the horribly located Indians of the Geyserville-Big Loop region of Russian River to be given a reasonable place for their homes?

Since leaving California I have not heard a word in regard to the bills that were being drafted, nor about the Ukiah meeting of November 27. Probably you are informed as to both of these subjects.

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

December 10, 1926

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President
National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Grosvenor:

Acting on your invitation I have filled out the accompanying blank with the addresses of persons to whom I should be very glad to have copies of the Society's publications sent, as indicated.

Thanking you for this opportunity

Very truly yours,

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Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President
National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Grosvenor:

Herewith I am handing you the rough minutes of yesterday's meeting.

Dr. La Gorce took notes to supply my deficiencies.

Very truly yours,

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees, December 15,1926

In the absence of the Secretary, the President asked Dr. Merriam to act as Secretary pro tem.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 by the President, Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor.

Present: John Oliver La Gorce, J. Howard Gore, Gilbert Grosvenor, John Foote, A. W. Greely, Rudolph Kauffmann C. Hart Merriam, George Shiras 3rd, Chief Justice William Howard Taft.

Letters of regret were read from the following members unable to be present:

The President reported the present status of membership and also the number of subscribers to the magazine, the total being 998,021. The President explained that a large number of persons recorded as dropped for nonpayment of dues would pay in the near future so that the actual number would be considerably greater than now reported.

It was moved that the salary of the late Assistant Treasurer, Fred M. Berthrong, deceased, be paid to the first of July.

The President announced the purchase of the last remaining piece of land in the block on Sixteenth Street on which the Society's buildings stand, thus making it possible to erect the auditorium which the Society has had in view for many years. Architect's plans for an auditorium with

a seating capacity of from 3000 to 3500 were exhibited, said building to cost in the neighborhood of a million dollars.

The President stated further that the present bond and cash investments of the Society amount to about four and a half million dollars.

A letter was read from General A. W. Greely, suggesting that $100,000 be turned over to the Smithsonian Institution to be expended for geographic purposes under recommendation from the President of the Society. The proposal was discussed by President Grosvenor, General Greely, Doctor Gore and Doctor Merriam, and on motion the matter was referred to the Research Committee.

On motion of Doctor Gore the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Secretary pro tem.

December 16, 1926.

Mr. A. Willige
Board of Personal Tax Appraisers
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant, would state that I have two permanent homes, one at 1919 - 16th Street, Washington, where I live during the winter, the other at Lagunitas, California, where I spend about six months each year as my home base during field work in various parts of California.

The Dodge car you refer to was purchased out of the Harriman Fund under the Smithsonian Institution for my use in field work in California, and is the third car purchased by this fund for the same purpose. The Dodge car in question, I drove to California and operated there in my official field work during the past summer.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Dr. Raymond Pearl
Institution for Biological Research
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Dr. Pearl:

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December 18, 1926

Hon. Hiram Johnson
U. S. Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Can you send me a few copies of the bill introduced by you February 3, 1926, and commonly spoken of as the Johnson-Swing bill? If so I shall be greatly obliged.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

December 18, 1926

Mr. Stephen Knight
Ukiah, California

Dear Mr. Knight:

In connection with your meeting of November 27, you must have been a very busy man. Getting ready for such a meeting and sending out the necessary invitations takes a lot of valuable time, and there must have been more or less in the nature of an aftermath, so I have deferred writing you until now.

No one has written me anything in regard to the meeting so that I am still in the dark as to whether or not on the whole it was a success or a disappointment.

When you have time I wish you would write me a few lines about it and tell me what distant Indians came.

With best wishes to you all

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 18, 1926

Dr. E. W. Nelson, Chief
U. S. Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

On November 12 last you wrote Frank Hittell in regard to the banding of a duck killed by him on San Francisco Bay, November 3 of this year. The band number was 409144. You wrote him on November 12 that the duck was a Pintail, banded at Bath, Illinois, by F. C. Lincoln on November 3, 1926, this being the same day on which Hittell shot the duck on San Francisco Bay!

This bird must have possessed very remarkable wing machinery which it would be well for the flying Mail Service to look into, for according to your letter he must have made the journey of some two thousand miles in a few hours!

Hittell writes that he would appreciate a few lines from you on the subject.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 18, 1926

Mr. H. H. Pitman
Wauchope
Saskatchewan, Canada

My dear Mr. Pitman:

Thanks for your trouble in sending me six prints of your photographs of muskrats. Unfortunately none of them fit into my needs, so I am returning them herewith. The front view showing the tail curled up over the side would be of interest if it were clear.

I have recently returned from the season's field work in California in connection with which I visited a number of tribes.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 18, 1926

Dr. Roland Dixon
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Doctor Dixon:

Last June I wrote you in regard to some of the perplexing things in your treatment of the 'Konomihu', suggesting that the words given you as of this tribe really belonged to your New River tribe—in other words, that the vocabularies of the two were transposed. More recent work among them has strengthened this view.

In 1905 in your article on the 'Shasta-Achomawi: a New Linguistic Stock' (American Anthropologist, April-June 1915) you published seven words under the heading 'New River' (p. 216) but did not indicate where or from whom you obtained these words. Can you supply this information?

Three months ago I drove about 800 miles to see a blind old Indian who, I was told by other Indians, was born on New River. I found him, but got from him only eleven words, one of which is Chemareko. Unfortunately only one of these words, the one for man, occurs in your list and it differs wholly, being Ka'-hash instead of "ge ic". But in this table (p. 216) your words for man and Indian are transposed so that "ge ic" is the word for people instead of for man!

The old man said that his people were killed off by the miners in the early days and that he was taken to Hoopah Valley when a small boy and therefore remembers only a few words of the New River language. I fully believe however that if one were to camp with him for a few days he would remember many more words. As the matter stands, it hardly seems worth while to publish my words at present. I have them tabulated along with corresponding words of the Shaste, Konomehoo, Chemareko, Karok, Hoopah, and Wintoon, but only one word agrees with any of these and that is Chemareko. I hope to see him again next year.

If you remember where you got your New River words it might help.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 18, 1926.

Mr. William O. Hart, Clerk
Committee on Indian Affairs
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hart:

I wonder if it is asking too much to ask if you will kindly send me any bills relating to California Indians that may have been, or may be introduced during the present session of Congress. I have no means of keeping track of what is going on in Congress this winter.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 20, 1926

Mr. Francis P. Farquhar
485 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Farquhar:

Pardon my delay in replying to your letter of November 29.

In the matter of Jedediah Smith's letter to General William Clark, dated Little Lake of Bear River, July 12, 1827, would say that I never had the negatives -- merely a photostat copy from the Indian Office. My present relations with this office are such that I would not care to ask favors, so if you feel the need severely enough you will have to write them direct. The letter is a long one and required ten large negatives to copy it.

As to Smith's route you say "it seems to me most probably that he was encamped at or near the American River." Is not the evidence on this point sufficiently positive to do away with the qualifying words "most probable"? From my point of view, few historical facts are more firmly established than that Smith's party of trappers spent the winter of 1825-26 on American River, at or near the place where Folsom now stands.

As bearing on this point and containing additional evidence to that published in my article in the Sierra Club Bulletin of 1923, entitled "First Crossing of the Sierra Nevada", I am enclosing a carbon of a letter which I wrote Mr. H. R. Warner on March 18, 1925.

If there is any reason to believe that Smith crossed as you suggest by way of "the Sonora, Ebbetts, or the Carson" I have failed utterly to find it, and you do not give me an inkling of what it is, or where it is to be found. You are speaking from present day knowledge of the passes, which you of course realize Smith had absolutely no knowledge of.

Very truly yours,

E. Hasty Swinnerton

December 20, 1926

Mr. William L. Finley
Jennings Lodge, Oregon

My dear Mr. Finley:

At the date of your letter I was still engaged in field work in northern California, hence the delay in replying.

In regard to Bogoslof Volcano, the picture you speak of which I took on August 11, 1891 when on the Bering Sea Fur Seal Commission, is made up of two separate negatives worked together and showing indistinctly the line of union. These were very thin curly negatives and have been since used by the Smithsonian in making an illustration for my article in the Smithsonian report for 1900-01, plate 2, facing p. 370. After some trouble I have just succeeded in locating the negatives and am enclosing them to you herewith.

In the matter of lectures, the course was made up long before my return to Washington.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 20, 1926.

Prof. A. Franklin Shull, Secretary
American Society of Naturalists
Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Dear Professor Shull:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant addressed to members of the Executive Committee, would say:

1. That I regret that you feel it necessary to resign from the position of Secretary in which you have done such fine work. From personal experience I know what a severe tax this is on one's time. You are entitled to the thanks of the Society for services involving the loss of so much valuable time.

2. I shall not be able to attend the coming meeting in Philadelphia.

3. In accordance with your request I have looked over the list of nominees and indicated, as requested, the names which I should be glad to vote for if present.

4. As early as practicable I will look over my files and hope to be able to send you some back numbers of the records of the Society.

With best wishes to you personally and for the success of the meeting

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 20, 1926

Dr. C. G. Abbot, Assistant Secretary
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Abbot:

Thanks for your reminder of the 17th instant in regard to the proof of my Pit River paper. Yes, we have compared the proof with the manuscript and find it essentially correct.

Many of the Indian names have primary and secondary accents. The secondary are not always given and are not important, but the primary, I think, are correctly placed in the proof.

Thanking you for calling my attention to the matter

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 21, 1926

Mr. W. P. True, Editor
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. True:

Herewith I am returning the page revise of my Pit River article (which came this morning), approved for printing so far as I am concerned.

It seems to me that we can trust the printer to make the very few corrections and additions now necessary without incurring the delay of another revise.

On page 35 the heading The Atsooka-an Family is too crowded to look well, but the page is already long. Personally I would rather transfer two or three lines from the bottom of page 35 to the top of 36 in order to space the family name properly (36 being a short page) but I realize that at this late hour the transposition might be a dangerous proceeding. I am willing to let it stand as it is.

Thanking you for your kind attention in the matter

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

December 21, 1926

Mr. J. W. Scollick
U. S. National Museum
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Scollick:

Thanks for sending me your small bill for cleaning bear skulls, for which my check of $2.75 is enclosed herewith.

So few skulls are coming now-a-days that I think it better to go on as heretofore and not trouble Dr. Wetmore about it.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

December 22, 1926

Mr. W. O. Hart, Clerk
Committee on Indian Affairs
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hart:

Very many thanks for your courtesy and promptness in sending me a copy of HR 14250, and promising to send other bills relating to California Indians when such are later introduced.

With best wishes and compliments of the season

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 28, 1926

Prof. Warren K. Moorehead
Hotel Benjamin Franklin
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear Professor Moorehead:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd instant, which got buried in a batch of Christmas mail, would say that I shall not be able to attend the Philadelphia meeting, but will be very glad to see you here at my house at any time between the dates you mention (January 11 to 19). If you phone before coming I will be sure to be at home. My phone number is Potomac 5330.

The investigation you mention is certainly one of great promise. I wish it were not so difficult to obtain the necessary funds.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

C. Matthews

December 29, 1926

Dr. John Collier
Munsey Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Collier:

Doubtless you will be back in a day or two so I am returning the carbons you sent me; one, your memorandum report on the Lea Bill dated December 22; the other, copy of your letter to Mr. Goodrich, dated December 23, 1926, for both of which I am obliged.

Miss Bowler has sent me a revised copy of the Kahn Bill which I have not had time to study, but I notice with regret that the brief amendment I suggested at the top of page 8 has been omitted. The amendment in question provided assistance for Indians engaged in occupations other than agriculture and seemed to me very necessary. Indians opposed to Collett have argued (and I have supported them in this) that one of the strong features of the Kahn Bill, in contrast to the Baker-Lea Bill, was that it aimed to help all California Indians. But in its present form it aims to help only agricultural Indians. This to my mind is a serious mistake.

Who is going to introduce the revised Kahn Bill during the present brief session?

Very truly yours,

December 30, 1926

Mr. Fred Lockley
1243 East Stark Street
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

Your list 175 contains the following title: "Report Joint Special Committee on Indian Tribes with Appendix. 532 pages. 1867. $3.00."

If not already sold I shall be obliged if you will send it to me with bill.

Very truly yours,

Dec. 31, 1926

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for month of December, amounting to $45.74, and also vouchers as listed below, which please pay as usual from the Harriman Fund, oblige,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Accompanying vouchers:

Miss Stella Randolph, Stenographer-Asst., $150.

Zenaida Merriam, Assistant, ... 78.

Lanman Engraving Co., 37 Halftones . . . 223.

A. J. Olmsted, Photo printing (Pit River Inds) 13.60

C. Hart Merriam

1919 - 16th Street

Dec. 1	Electric current, June 19 to Nov. 18: $3.36 (1/3 of $3.36)	1	1	12
	20 sheets Stafford carbon paper		1	00
3	1 qt. Flo-gum paste	2	1	50
7	Native American, Jan. 1926 to July 1928	3	1	00
8	1 doz. pkgs. small photo-film envelopes			60
10	Andrews Paper Co. 100 7½x10½ envelopes $1.20; 1 red eraser .05	4	1	25
12	Car tokens for office errands		1	00
13	Allen's Press Clippings for November	5	3	00
15	J.W.Scollick, cleaning 5 bear skulls	6	2	75
	Smith Book Co. Walker, Francis A. 'The Indian Question' 1874	7	2	19
	3 red and blue pencils			25
22	University of California: 'Pomo Folk Ways and Historic Groups of Delta Region'	8	3.	71
	Subscriptions for 1927:			
	Rod and Gun in Canada		2	00
	Nature Magazine		3	00
	Journal of Heredity		3	00
	Postage: 50 stamped envelopes $1.10; 25 large size stamped envelopes .57; postage on articles on Shasta and Buffalo $3.05		4	72
	Electric current Nov. 18-Dec. 18: $11.75 (1/3 of 11.75)	9	3	92
	Gas Nov. 25-Dec. 27: $11.20 (1/3 of 11.20)	10	3	73
31	Charwoman, Cleaning Office rooms Nov. 16-Dec. 31	11	6	00
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C. Hart Merriam

January 3, 1927

Mr. Henry R. Wagner
90 El Camino Real
Berkeley, California

My dear Mr. Wagner:

Not until yesterday was I able to take the time to examine your great work on 'Sir Francis Drake's Voyage Around the World'. It is a great satisfaction to have the information you have so laboriously dug up and collected in your beautiful volume. I congratulate you on your patience and thoroughness and thank you heartily for the volume.

But from my point of view you hardly stress sufficiently the Indian evidence. To my mind there is no question whatever as to the tribe. As Kroeber told you (basing his statement on my published investigations) the Indians of Marin County belonged to the coast division of the Miwuk stock; those of Bodego Bay being the Olamentko tribe; those of Nicasio and the Point Reyes region the Hookooko tribe.

The Pomo tribe did not come far enough south to enter Marin County, stopping a little south of the mouth of Russian River.

Yes, I received the pamphlet by Ellis reprinting Hugo Reid's account of the Indians of Los Angeles region.

I wanted to acknowledge it but found no clew as to who had sent it. It is a valuable document. I had previously collected the Essex Institute publication of a part of the same material, and also Alexander Taylor's reprint in the California Farmer, and it is a great satisfaction to have the whole thing authentically published in the present form. Ellis deserves high commendation for his labor. I would write him if I knew his address.

Again thanking you for your splendid work on Drake

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

January 3, 1927

Mr. J. W. Robertson
Union Square
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr. Robertson:

It was very thoughtful and generous of you to send me a copy of your book on 'The Harbor of St. Francis', a work which I greatly appreciate and am glad to add to my library.

In your unmerciful castigation of Davidson -- whom I have always regarded as a competent man -- you have brought together a surprising and most interesting array of historical data and charts, even though you have not found enough evidence to decide on the location of the place where Drake beached his vessel.

But I regret to see that you apply the meaningless and depreciating term of "Digger" to Marin County Indians -- a term of contempt used by many authors for at least a hundred tribes from Idaho and Wyoming to the coast, including the whole of California from the Oregon line to San Diego.

Your printer has transposed a letter in the stock

J.W.R. -2

name you mention in several places (especially p. 14) making it Minok instead of Miwok -- which I write Mewuk.

Owing to pressure of work since my return from California I am tardy in acknowledging your kindness.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

January 3, 1927

Mr. W. L. McAtee
Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear McAtee:

Glad to have your recent paper on 'Insect Destroyers' but sorry to note that on Plate 2 you give a very good picture of a skunk from Mexico and southern Arizona belonging to the sub-genus Leucomitra which you misname the Common Skunk. This really is too bad.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

January 4, 1927

Dr. Stephen T. Mather, Director
National Park Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Mather:

Can you send me a couple of copies of the article on 'Early History of Yosemite' which you reprinted from 'The Grizzly Bear' of July 1919? If so I shall be greatly obliged.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 4, 1927.

Miss Blanche C. Grant
Taos, New Mexico

My dear Miss Grant:

Learning from a review in the last number of the 'Quarterly of the California Historical Society' that you have published 'Kit Karson's Own Story of His Life as Dictated to Colonel and Mrs. D. C. Peters' I take the liberty to ask if I may have a copy for my library on 'Hunting, Exploration and Indians of the Far West'. If so I shall be greatly obliged and will remit at once on receipt of bill.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 4, 1927.

Mr. C. P. Russell
Yosemite, California

My dear Mr. Russell:

Your interesting article entitled 'Early Years in Yosemite' has just come to my notice in number 4 of the Quarterly of the California Historical Society, received a few days ago.

I am wondering if you have plenty of separates? I am anxious to obtain two copies if practicable.

You were mighty fortunate to get hold of Grover's narrative and I am particularly glad to see it.

It is great good luck also that you received Thomas Ayres' 1855 drawings of the Valley and that you were able to publish the one you did in your article. This picture is so accurate in its general outlines that one is inclined to accept in the main his delineation of the forested and open areas of 1855.

At a later day if I live long enough I shall have something to say in regard to Bunnell's narrative and more particularly as to the killing of Yosemite Indians and burning of their food supplies by Savage. That the Tudor-Rose party should have been attacked by Yosemite Indians is only a natural act of retaliation.

Very truly yours,

E. [illegible]

January 4, 1927.

Harr Wagner Publication Company
San Francisco, California

Dear Sirs:

I shall be obliged if you will send me a copy of your booklet entitled 'Handbook for Californians' by Gertrude Hatt, recently published, with bill for same.

Very truly yours,

[illegible]

January 7, 1927

Mr. George W. Stewart
Visalia, California

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Thanks for your letter of December 22.

I am delighted to know that you have an article on the Yokuts in the coming issue of the Sierra Club Bulletin. This without doubt will be an important addition to our knowledge of the Yokut stock.

I am glad to know also that you are going to write an article on the Indian Rock Basins, concerning which we have had some correspondence.

On the last day of December I mailed you a copy of my paper on the Pit River Indians, fresh from the press that day.

With best wishes to yourself and family

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 7, 1927

Prof. Roland B. Dixon
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Professor Dixon:

Your letter of December 26 in reply to my inquiry as to the source of the "New River" words published by you may lead to something worth while, for your informant "Buck Kid's mother" may be the mother or sister of my informant, whose name also is Kid. If she is still alive I will try to see her early next summer.

On December 31 I mailed you a copy of my paper on the Pit River Indians in which I trust you may find something of interest.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 7, 1927

Director
Geological Survey of Canada
Ottawa, Ontario
Canada

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my check of $2.50 in payment for two bound copies of Taverner's 'Birds of Western Canada', which kindly have sent to my address at 1919 - 16th Street, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 7, 1927

Native Sons and Native
Daughters Golden West
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sirs:

An article by Ralph S. Kuykendall was published in your journal 'The Grizzly Bear' in July 1919. Is it possible to obtain a copy of this publication as it originally appeared?

I have the reprint by the National Park Service but I am most anxious to obtain the original. If you can send it to me with a bill I will remit promptly.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 7, 1927

Mr. Rawson Bennett II, Editor-in-Chief
The Trident
U. S. Naval Academy
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Sir:

I am pleased to learn from your letter of December 31 that you are forwarding me the two copies of The Trident asked for in my letter to which you refer. They have not yet arrived.

I am also very glad to know that you have recovered the diary referred to of Major Gustavus F. Merriam. It will be an important addition to our family archives, for which I shall be greatly obliged to you personally and to the "present owner" who had the kindness to let me have it.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 7, 1927

Mr. A. E. Demaray
Acting Assistant Director
National Park Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Demaray:

Many thanks for your courtesy and promptness in sending me two copies of your leaflet entitled 'Early History of Yosemite National Park'.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 8, 1927.

Dr. Frank M. Chapman
Ancon, Canal Zone

Dear Chapman:

Soon after my return from California I dug up out of the stack of accumulated mail your book on the 'Distribution of Bird Life in Ecuador'. A glance was enough to show that it could not possibly be laid away until time might be taken to examine it with some thoroughness. But owing to the pressure of various work I have not been able until now to give the book proper attention.

To say that it is a splendid piece of work gives no conception of either its scope or the almost unbelievable amount of information it contains. And one can not help admiring the clear and concise way in which it is written.

Your book on Colombia set a standard difficult to attain, but this one on Ecuador appeals to me even more strongly. It is a great thing to know just what to say and just how to say it. As a little detail, your account of Cherrie's accident and his great courage in reaching a hospital is both thrilling and touching. Your historical account of work done in Ecuador, the

discussion of the physiography and life zones, and the series of graphic maps and enlightening photographs add enormously to the value of the book and fill one with a desire to see the country for himself.

It seems hardly within the range of human possibility that one man could live long enough to do the field work you have done in South America and at the same time to find enough hours afterward to conduct the necessary bibliographic and historical work and the actual writing -- not to mention the earlier books and endless series of technical papers that have come from your pen.

If Mrs. Chapman is with you give her our very kindest regards.

As ever yours,

H. F. Osborn

On the last day of the old year I mailed you, addressed to the Museum, a copy of my paper on the Pit River Indians, then fresh from the press.

January 8, 1927.

Dr. A. Hrdlicka
U. S. National Museum
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Hrdlicka:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant would say that I have a large number of negatives of California Indians. During the past few years I have had a set of prints made, mounted, and carefully labeled in a series of a dozen albums. The work necessary to do this required several months of valuable time which I could ill afford to lose. I would not undertake it again for ten thousand dollars. I am too old, and the value of my remaining time is too great in view of the enormous amount of material I have gathered and am hoping to make ready for the press.

My albums will eventually go to the Smithsonian Institution where I trust they may be available to students. I would not undertake to duplicate them under any conditions whatever.

If you would like to look over my albums I shall be glad to show them to you at any time.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 8, 1927.

Honorable Hiram W. Johnson
U. S. Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Many thanks for your letter of the 6th instant enclosing the bill I particularly wanted (S 3020) and several other bills relating to California Indians, all of which I am very glad to have.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 8, 1927.

Mrs. Louis J. Gillespie
44 Esperanza Avenue
Long Beach, California

My dear Mrs. Gillespie:

Pardon my delay in acknowledging your letter of December 9. The reason is that I have not been able to obtain a batch of copies of the Swing-Johnson bill for federal help in the matter of health and education of California Indians.

I wrote Senator Johnson asking for this bill and he sent me instead the Swing-Johnson bill for the Boulder Dam on Colorado River. I wrote again, and have only this morning received a single copy, which I am enclosing herewith. If I am able to obtain any more I will send them to you.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 8, 1927.

Prof. William Trelease
804 S. Lincoln Street
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Professor Trelease:

Aren't you spreading out a trifle beyond the proper confines of a botanist? Why should you trouble yourself about dogs, especially the kind of dogs you see in Paris?

And this leads me to ask what were you doing in Paris anyway?

Unfortunately I am not able to answer your questions about the collie and Belgian police (the latter ordinarily called German police). This police dog shows its wolf ancestry far more clearly than any other domesticated dog with which I am acquainted.

With best wishes

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 12, 1927

Miss Alida C. Bowler
1010 Mills Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Bowler:

For some time I have been hoping to hear from you in regard to the Capitan Grande Indians. Swing's Bill, extending the trust period, passed the House some time ago. The newspapers state that the Indian Service protects the interests of San Diego -- nothing said about the interests of the Indians who rightfully own the land and are entitled to be paid for it if it is purchased by the city.

Doubtless you have seen the new Lea Bill. It is hard to believe that paragraphs 1 and 2 do not contradict one another, the basis of the claim being definitely acknowledged to be the Eighteen Treaties, while in Section 1 it is said to be for the benefit of all the California Indians. Furthermore the bill allows the Indian Office set-offs and definitely gives $2.50 as the value of the land per acre, an arbitrary valuation which in my judgment can not possibly be established. The bill also postpones the filing of the Indians' petition for three years which seems to imply that

A.C.B. -2

at least five years must be necessary for a decision.

And after all this, the proceeds, in event that there are any, instead of going to a commission (as provided in the Kahn Bill) remain in the Treasury as usual in such cases -- the only difference being that in this case a special act of Congress will be necessary before the Indian Office can spend the money.

A newspaper clipping states: "The entire California delegation has signed a statement endorsing the jurisdictional bill for California Indians." This was published in the Santa Rosa Press Democrat of December 24 from a wire dated Washington, December 23.

Was anything done in the way of the purchase of land for the Alexander Valley Indians?

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

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Retake of Preceding Frame

January 12, 1927

Mr. Stephen Knight
Ukiah, California

Dear Mr. Knight:

Your letter of December 29 telling me about the big meeting was most welcome and was the first definite news I had heard.

I am particularly glad to know that Jack Williams, Sam Steel, and Harry George attended the meeting, and that Sam Lopez came all the way from Smith River. That all these people should come from so far in spite of the heavy rain is good evidence of their interest in the matter.

Fuller, I am informed, is still standing by Collett.

The minutes of your meeting were intensely interesting to me, particularly since I know most of the Indians mentioned.

I am enclosing a copy of the new Lea Bill, introduced on January 6, copies of which were got yesterday by my daughter Zenaida. I am told by John Collier (over the phone) that Lea regards the bill as a compromise between the original Raker Bill and the Kahn Bill, but I can not seem to see it that way.

With best wishes to you all

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 12, 1927

Mrs. Louis J. Gillespie
44 Esperanza Avenue
Long Beach, California

Dear Mrs. Gillespie:

Yesterday my daughter Zenaida Merriam succeeded in obtaining a few more copies of the Johnson-Swing Bill for the health and education of California Indians. They are enclosed herewith.

I am enclosing also the new Lea Bill which according to my notion is very little better than the old Raker Bill.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 12, 1927.

My dear Deane:

Your letter of December 10 was very welcome. And I was glad to know that you have a son with wife and little daughter at Hayward on San Francisco Bay. I have been there many times and the next time I am driving that way shall take great pleasure in hunting them up.

Glad you saw Ridgway. I'd like to see him again myself. It's many years since we met.

Your card of December 13 announcing the death of olf Professor A. E. Verrill at Santa Barbara was the first news I had. As you perhaps remember I spent about three years in his laboratory in the middle 70's.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Deane

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Ruthven Deane
1222 North State Street
Chicago, Illinois

January 12, 1927.

Mr. Sam Spring
Canby, California

My dear Mr. Spring:

When I called at your place last summer you had gone to Pyramid Lake, Nevada, to have your eyes operated on. I have not heard from you since but have thought of you a great many times and have hoped that the operation was successful so that you can now see better than you could before. Is this true? I should be very glad to hear from you.

I was very glad to meet your brother Robin Spring and had a little talk with him. I shall hope to see you all next summer.

This is the short session of Congress and it is doubtful whether any bills will be passed for the help of California Indians. Lea has introduced the old Raker Bill with a few changes. I will let you know if there is anything important to report.

With kind regards to you all

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 13, 1927.

Dr. George Otis Smith, Director
U. S. Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Smith:

In 1895 J. W. Magee visited the east Coast of the Gulf of California and the adjacent Tiburon Island in order to study the Sere Indians. He was accompanied by Williard D. Johnson, topographer from the Geological Survey.

In connection with Magee's published report certain questions have arisen concerning the topography. These doubtless could be easily settled by reference to Williard Johnson's journal or diary, which he is said to have kept. Is this journal or diary in the possession of the Geological Survey, and if so may I have access to it?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Dr. J. Walter Fewkes, Chief
Bureau of Ethnology
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

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Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 14, 1927.

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Very many thanks for your promptness in sending me the Harriman account for the year 1926. My daughter has checked it by our account and finds that the two agree to a penny.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

TELEGRAM

January 14, 1927.

Chauncey Goodrich
1010 Mills Building
San Francisco, California

IF REVISED KAHN BILL NOT INTRODUCED THIS SESSION WHAT WILL CALIFORNIA INDIANS THINK STOP NEW LEA BILL PRACTICALLY SAME OLD STORY.

C. Hart Merriam

Air mail

January 17, 1927

Mr. Chauncey Goodrich
1010 Mills Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Goodrich:

Confirming my telegram of last evening:

"All California Indians know two bills before Congress. (stop) All know we preached direct appropriation, opposed claims bill. If we suddenly flop, drop our bill and support claims bill, Indians will distrust us. (stop) Many will believe we have been bribed. Air letter follows."

Did not you and your associates in San Francisco, and Mr. Collier here, overlook the effect on California Indians of a sudden change of front in supporting a Court of Claims Bill after aggressively attacking the Collett-Raker-Lea bill and urging a direct appropriation, as provided in the Kahn Bill?

Even if the new Lea Bill were satisfactory (which is far from the truth) it would be impossible to make our Indian friends see it that way, or to explain why we -- apparently at least -- deserted them and went over to Collett, the enemy.

C.G. -2

If the Kahn Bill had been defeated, we could give a reason -- which some of them might understand -- for supporting a Claims Bill, even though the possible relief were so long deferred.

My suggestion is this: Introduce the amended or reconstructed Kahn Bill (or have the original amended in Committee -- I'm not posted on procedure) and if defeated in Committee, then turn to the new Claims Bill as better than nothing.

In this case we could honestly tell the Indians that Congress refused to approve the direct appropriation plan, so as a last resort we were forced to support a Claims Bill, and that this new Claims Bill has been so altered from the Collett-Raker-Lea Bill that it is a widely different thing, and that it is so phrased as to guarantee recovery. And furthermore, that it puts an end to Collett's excuse for continuing to beg money from the Indians.

It would be a great advantage if someone who had not already antagonized the Committee could appear before it. I wish you or Elkins could be here in person.

Very truly yours,

Please bear in mind that for several years some of us have been protesting against the Collett scheme and promising something better.

Original Defective

January 17, 1927

Prof. Roland Dixon
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Professor Dixon:

Thanks for your letter of the 13th instant. I'm glad you find that my paper on Pit River Indians contains "a good deal of valuable data", but sorry if I mis-stated the relative size of our vocabularies. I understood you to say years ago that while you emphasized the writing of 'texts' you did not collect such full vocabularies as was my practice.

My Pit River vocabularies obtained during the past twenty-one years contain several thousand words and many pages of sentences -- but not of texts. In attempting to write texts I have encountered insuperable difficulties in the way of determining the exact meaning of some of the Indian words (especially verbal forms); and not being a master of grammar like yourself, have not always been sure as to just where one word began or ended. In short, the number of uncertainties seemed in my case to render texts unreliable.

On the other hand, I have had no difficulty in writing phonetically the alphabetic sounds of words in

R.D. -2.

the several Achomawan dialects.

As to my remarks on the special and abnormal use of letters of the English alphabet by linguistic specialists like yourself, I fear you take too seriously my bit of satire in return for the many thrusts I've received from time to time for many years past for my alphabetic heresy.

And furthermore, you must admit that the published alphabets of the high priests of linguistics not only differ surprisingly among themselves, but also that the alphabet employed in one paper sometimes differs quite radically from that of the same author in another paper. Incidentally I'm curious to know about the three errors you allude to.

However, the dominant fact is that you are addressing an audience of highly trained specialists; I, an audience of average educated Americans.

I'm pleased that you approve my photographs, and that you find enough of value in the paper itself to "hope to see others."

I have thirteen albums of photographs taken by myself, of California Indians, and several well advanced papers on other stocks, which I hope to publish in the not distant future. The cost of publication, as you intimate to be the case with your own material, is a dreadful handicap. I must have a stenographer, and at times another assistant, but some years ago I had to give up my office and move all my material into my house in order to accumulate funds for publication.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 17, 1927.

Miss Blanche C. Grant
Taos, New Mexico.

My dear Miss Grant:

'Kit Carson's Own Story of His Life', sent in response to my recent request, has just arrived and I am mighty glad to have it.

I shall be obliged if you will send me also your booklets entitled 'Taos a Hundred Years Ago' and 'Taos Today'.

In payment for these my check for $3.30 is enclosed.

Very truly yours,
C.H. [illegible]

Kit Carson	$1.25	
Postage	.15	$1.40
Taos 100 Years Ago	.75	
Postage	.05	.80
Taos Today	1.00	
Postage	.10	1.10
		3.30

R. D. -3.

It just occurs to me that you may have been misled to assume that the comparative vocabularies on pages 6 to 11 of my Pit River paper constitute my full vocabularies. If so, please read the top paragraph of page 6 and you will see that only such words are given as agree among themselves in the several Achoomah-an languages as contrasted with those of the two Atsookă-an languages -- the words that differ among the several dialects in each case being omitted.

In one of the Pit River dialects (the Mo-des-se) I have among other things the names of more than 380 species of animals and plants. [illegible]

January 18, 1927.

Mr. P. Martinelli
Lagunitas, California

Dear Mr. Martinelli:

Thanks for your letter of the 10th instant.

We are very glad to know that you have built that bulkhead, and also that we have had lots of rain out there. That will help for next season.

As you do not say anything about leaks in the roof I assume that they have not been serious.

We have had an open winter here so far with very little snow but plenty of cold.

With best regards to you all from all of us

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Check of $14.00 in payment of your statement is enclosed herewith.

January 18, 1927.

Dr. John Collier
Munsey Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Collier:

Yesterday in writing Mr. Goodrich I forgot to ask for a carbon and therefore am having an exact copy of the letter made for your file.

Hastily,

C. Hart Merriam

January 20, 1927.

Mr. Arthur M. Ellis
Los Angeles, California

My dear Sir:

A few weeks ago I received a copy of 'The Indians of Los Angeles County' by Hugo Reid, which you have taken the great trouble to republish in such admirable form.

The subject matter interests me greatly as it bears directly on my work. Years ago I carded the rancheria names. For many years I have had the incomplete Essex Institute publication and also some of Alexander Taylor's extracts.

It is a great comfort to have the whole thing complete in one beautiful publication and I want to express my appreciation for what you have done.

Yours very truly,

C. Hart Merriam

January 20, 1927.

Dr. W. G. Benner
3917 Illinois Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 8th instant I am sending you herewith a copy of my recent publication on the Pit River Indians.

The edition was small and I have only a few copies.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 20, 1927.

Dr. George Otis Smith, Director
U. S. Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

My dear Doctor Smith:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 18th instant calling my attention to a map of Lower California published by the American Geographical Society of New York and which may be seen in the Map Information Office, Room 6206, Interior Building.

I am very glad to know this and will call to see it in a few days.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 20, 1927.

Dr. John W. Robertson
1133 Greenwich Street
San Francisco, California

My dear Doctor Robertson:

Thanks for your letter of the 13th instant in regard to Drake's landing on the coast of California.

I was stupid in not sensing that it was you and not Alexander Robertson, the bookman, who had published your work.

And I want to express my admiration for the admirable form in which you had the work printed. It is a pity that Mr. Wagner could not have had his book printed at the Grabhorn Press.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 20, 1927.

Mr. George D. Pratt
American Forestry Association
1523 L Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pratt:

Replying to your letter of the 14th instant, urging me to take a life membership in the Forestry Association, would remark that from the business standpoint it would hardly pay for a man in his seventy-second year to do this. However I am not looking at the matter from the business standpoint and if I felt financially able, as unfortunately I do not, I would be glad to help the Association in the way you suggest.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 20, 1927.

Mr. C. P. Russell
Yosemite National Park
California

Dear Mr. Russell:

Your letter of the 11th instant is at hand together with the copy of The Historical Quarterly containing your interesting article, which I am particularly glad to add to my Yosemite files.

Thanking you for your courtesy and hoping that I may be able to visit Yosemite during next season

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 21, 1927.

Dear Sheldon:

Since I saw you last, Fewkes has written that the Bureau of Ethnology has nothing in the way of journals, diaries or other records from either McGee or Willard Johnson, and Otis Smith sends a similar report from the Geological Survey.

Smith however refers to a new map of Lower California published by the American Geographical Society of New York which he says may be seen in Room 6206 of the Interior Department Building. I have not been there yet but hope to go soon. It will be interesting to see if they have any additional topographical material for the mainland.

Last Sunday I left on your desk a bunch of Se'-re material in which I hope you may find something of interest not already in your files.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Charles Sheldon
1830 Phelps Place
Washington, D. C.

January 21, 1927.

Miss Alida C. Bowler
1010 Mills Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Bowler:

Thanks for your letter of the 15th instant transmitting remarks concerning the new Lea Bill and the Swing-Johnson Bill.

I earnestly trust that you were successful in your mission at Sacramento.

With best wishes

Hastily yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 21, 1927

Dear Arch:

Your annual enlightener, though omitting long chapters of interesting information about yourselves, was thankfully perused.

We are glad that your new Franklin is the stove instead of the car. We rejoice also that you are able with so little trouble to stack up a supply of drift wood. This from our point of view appears to be the single advantage of a residence at Bolinas!

We are not surprised that Ange is in such demand. There is nothing like having a specialty and being proficient in it. Furthermore, I always did believe it a good thing for a man and wife to be separated at intervals -- they appreciate each other so much more when together!

We are glad also that there has been plenty of rain in Marin County. This will be a blessing to all of us.

You mention the roads as not being in perfect condition but are silent (among other things) as to the road work on the Whites Hill-Point Reyes Boulevard, a matter of vital interest to some of us.

We are pegging away about as usual, always several months behind in the rush work.

A.M.G. -2

The winter so far has been mild with a moderate amount of rain and very little snow.

Dorothy and children expect to be with us during the spring vacation, at which time, according to prognostications, there is likely to be a deluge of the Merriam tribe from various points of the compass, as a result of which Florence and Elizabeth are racking their brains to figure out just how and where they are to be taken care of.

Have you learned anything as to the presence of Aplodontia in the Point Reyes and Drakes Bay region? You doubtless remember that the beast is about the size of a small wood-chuck, that it is bob-tailed, and lives in a series of shallow tunnels in wet or damp places.

With love to you both and kindest regards to Mrs. Howver,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 21, 1927.

Prof. Warren K. Moorehead
Andover, Massachusetts

Dear Professor Moorehead:

Your lecture the other day was most interesting (so far as the time allowed) but most of us wished that you had been allotted twice as much time.

Very many thanks for your 'Plan of Reorganization of the Indian Service' published in 1925. I have read it with the greatest interest and agree with you fully -- I might say enthusiastically -- in regard to most of the points covered.

So far as the nineteen principal recommendations are concerned I agree in the main to all except the three (numbers 6, 10, and 18) relating to Canadian policies, which I have not looked into, but probably would approve if I knew more about them.

But in the fourth recommendation, in which you urge the change of title of the Board of Indian Commissioners to Board of Advisers, and recommend that each of the members be an authority on one of the nine subjects mentioned, I can not understand why you did not add one more providing for an anthropologist. There are, as you must know, innumerable cases in which the Indian point of view in a

W.K.M. -2.

particular tribe should be given weight. This, it seems to me, is likely to be overlooked if not deliberately opposed by the nine authorities enumerated.

In the second recommendation (on page 6), you recommend that the person selected for Commissioner should be "thoroughly conversant with all phases of the Indian situation." The person possessing these qualifications does not exist, never did exist, and never will exist. However, it is well to hold up a high ideal.

Your quotation at the bottom of page 9 from Abbott's book relating to the "unregulated and irresponsible judicial procedure of the so-called Courts of Indian Defenses" is a hot subject and one which, as you doubtless know, was the subject of numerous hearings before the Committee on Indian Affairs last winter and spring. (H.R. 7826). My sentiments on the matter may be found on pages 6 to 18 of these hearings.

On reading your reorganization plan for the second time I am particularly impressed with our complete agreement on most of the points discussed.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

C. H. Asbury

January 25, 1927.

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Your letter of yesterday is at hand, enclosing Geological Survey bill for printing the colored map for my Pit River article, $201.60, and the Lord Baltimore Press for printing the same, $1045.47, both of which I have approved for payment and am returning herewith.

The printer's charge seems to me pretty steep. Evidently they charged proof correction time for all additional matter regardless of the number of pages submitted at one time. This, together with previously paid bills for photographic work brings the cost of the paper up to more than $1500.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 25, 1927.

Mr. Maynard Shipley, President
Science League of America
509 Gillett Building
830 Market Street
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr. Shipley:

Your annual report arrived a couple of days ago, and in compliance with your request I am enclosing herewith my ballot for an additional member of the Council to replace the vacancy due to the death of our esteemed friend Carl Akeley.

I am amazed to learn that the fanatics calling themselves Christian Scientists have had the audacity to protest against the teaching of physiology in the schools by means of text books in which the real nature of disease is stated. There seems to be no limit to mental oblivion when spurred by prejudice.

The anti-evolution campaign organized and continuously pushed by many churches is an appalling evidence of an almost unbelievable ignorance on the part of a large element of our population.

All our members must appreciate your self-sacrificing generosity and that of Mrs. Shipley in the matter of payment for services. I regret that I am not in a position to aid in the financial support of the organization.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 25, 1927

Prof. Ralph H. Cheney
Washington Square College
New York University
New York City

Dear Professor Cheney:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me a copy of your paper on 'Ancient and Modern Use of Plant Arrow Poisons.' I had already read the article when it appeared in the December number of the Scientific Monthly and am glad to add the separate to my file on the subject.

Our west coast Indians, so far as I have ascertained, make little use of vegetable poisons though animal poisons for arrows were largely employed.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

January 25, 1927

Dear Harry:

Florence let me have your interesting article on the 'Early History of Twin Oaks Valley.' It is good that you took the trouble to put this matter in print. It contains a number of items that appeal to me.

For years I have been hoping to finish my work in northern California so that I could again tackle the Indians of the south part of the state and incidentally see you all at Twin Oaks, but thus far without success.

Hoping for better luck in future and with best wishes to you all

As ever yours,
Hart

Mr. Harry S. Merriam
San Marcos, California

I'll never forget our trip to Klamath

January 25, 1927.

Mr. Milton McMillan
123 South Claudina Street
Anaheim, California

My dear Sir:

A short time ago someone sent me a clipping referring to your find of a pot of seeds in a rock crevice on the Mohave Desert.

It would be of interest to know just where on the desert your find was made, and still more important to know what kinds of seeds were represented. If you will send me a few of each kind I shall be glad to have them identified by our botanists in the Smithsonian, Museum, or the Department of Agriculture.

Very truly yours,

C. D. Walcott

January 26, 1927

Dr. J. W. Hudson
Ukiah, California

My dear Doctor Hudson:

Your letter of the 14th instant addressed to me at my summer home in Lagunitas, has just arrived.

When I return to California in the spring I shall be glad to autograph your copy of the Pit River paper. It would be hardly worth while to run the risk of sending it across the continent twice, particularly as the edition was so small that I have no remaining copies to spare.

The day I saw you in Ukiah I intended to call on you before leaving, but had been ill for several days and was feeling so poorly that I concluded to drive home the same afternoon, which I did.

Trusting to see you in the spring and with kind remembrances to Mrs. Hudson

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 26, 1927.

Dr. Isaiah Bowman
American Geographical Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York City.

My dear Dr. Bowman:

I have just seen at the Geological Survey a copy of your recent map of the southern part of the peninsula of Lower California. I should like to have this and shall be obliged if you will have two copies sent to my address, as above, with bill for same.

When will the map of the northern part be published? I am particularly anxious to have the northern part.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 26, 1927

Mr. Francis P. Farquhar
2728 Union Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Farquhar:

Since you were here my daughter and I have continued without result our search for the lost photographs of members of the old Whitney Survey. We may find them yet, but it has occurred to me that I may have turned them in to the Smithsonian Institution as I seem to remember that Fiske requested me to do this after I was done with them. He gave them to me in 1910.

By same mail I am sending you the last separate I possess of my article on 'The Distribution of Indian Tribes in the Southern Sierra' published in June 1904.

It was good of you to give me a whole evening, which I greatly enjoyed.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

January 27, 1927.

Chief of Engineers
War Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

About a year ago I wrote your office asking for copies of the Calistoga map sheet. In reply I was told that the map was not finished but would probably be ready in July. I have not yet seen it and shall be greatly obliged if you will have three copies sent to my address at 1919 16th Street.

This sheet takes in Mount St. Helena, very important in my field work, and seems to be designated in your system as 31-N-III-E/2.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 29, 1927.

Mr. Francis P. Farquhar
2728 Union Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Farquhar:

Herewith I am enclosing a review of Mrs. Mott's 'Handbook for Californiacs' which it seems to me ought to be published if you have any place for it.

For some years past I have noticed what to me is a sad, not to say demoralizing, tendency on the part of book reviewers in the Bay region to spread a mixture of soft soap and molasses on most of the publications they think it worth while to say anything about. Some of these are absolutely untruthful.

For a number of years I was Zoological Editor of Science and the disagreeable task of reviewing fell to my lot. During all those years I made it my business to tell the actual truth as I saw it about the works reviewed, never once yielding to either fear or favor. If a book can not be reviewed from this standpoint it had better not be mentioned at all. Is it not a duty we owe the people who read our reviews to give them the truth?

Mrs. Mott in the work in question made an excellent beginning so far as Spanish names are concerned but fell down horribly on Indian names. Obviously she had

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the feeling that Indian names should be put in Spanish form!

And like some other people, her bump of credulity appears to be altogether too heavy to be carried by one person. What is the use of saying something that you know to be untrue just because someone else said it before you?

I am fully convinced that Mrs. Mott's book under a dignified descriptive title and with the necessary corrections would be a most useful volume.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

Original Defective

HANDBOOK FOR CALIFORNIACS

Under the above inappropriate title Mrs. Gertrude Mott has written a little book on the 'Meaning and Pronunciation of Spanish and Indian Place Names', which, when corrected and rearranged in a single alphabetic list (instead of in several lists), will easily find a place among the really helpful reference books of the state.

Unfortunately the author's devotion to Spanish forms has caused her to give wholly incorrect pronunciations to a number of the Indian names. For instance, Cholame is said to be pronounced "cho-lah'may" (instead of its proper pronunciation, cho-lam'); Napa as "nah'pah" (instead of nap'-psh); Tehama as "tay-hah'mah" (instead of te-hā'-mah); Castaic as "kahs-tah-eek" (instead of kas-tā'k); Gulicos as "gwee'lee-kos" (instead of wel'-le-kos); Lompoc as "lum'pohk"; Petaluma as "pay-tah-loo'mah" (instead of pet-ā-loo'-mah); Piute as "pee-yute'"; Sonoma as "soh-noh'mah"; Marin as "mah-reen'"; Tamalpais as "tah-mahl-pay'ees".

Imagine the feelings of the good citizens of Petaluma on hearing their home town called pay-tah-loo'-mah; or of members of the Tamalpais Club when told that their idolized mountain should be called tah-mahl-pay'-ees! A still more unhappy venture in connection with the name Tamalpais is its meaning, said to be from "tamal, bay; pais, land" -- thus giving the Spanish for land and making the word a Spanish-Indian hybrid! As a matter of fact it is pure

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Indian (in the language of the Hoo-koo-e'-ko tribe), from tam'-mal, bay country ["our country", as they say], and pi'-is, mountain! The word for land in their language is not pais, but wā'-ah.

The subject of the meanings of Indian names should be approached with great caution. The majority of those given by the author are wholly erroneous -- though doubtless accepted in good faith from the writings of persons who either did not know or did not care what they said. Several of these are truly pitiful: Sonoma for instance (p. 11) where the "Valley of the Moon" story is revived, as if given credence!

Still another class, of which fortunately the number is small, consists of names the origin of which is misunderstood. Thus Chiles, the name of a valley and canyon in Napa County, is said to be pronounced "chee'lays" and to mean "red peppers", whereas it happens to be the name of a man, Col. Joseph B. Chiles, originally a Kentuckian, who came to California from Missouri in 1841!

The treatment of Bodega is hard to understand. On page 19 the author gives the meaning as "wine vault, store house", followed by the correct statement that the place was "named for Juan de la Bodega". And on page 88 under Bodega Head, the definition is simply "wine vault; cellar". Why, when mentioning a place named for a well known person, should anything be said about wine vaults or cellars?

A somewhat similar case is Yuba, where after

correctly giving the name as that of an Indian tribe, the author adds "also corruption of Spanish el rio de las uvas, the river of grapes"! Why?

And still another: The Indian word Coso, the name of a remote and barren desert mountain range in Inyo County south of Owens Lake is given as a "place or square for bull-fights or other public entertainments"! (p. 74) Coso is a pure Indian word. And why should Mono, another Indian word, be followed by "monkey, ape; also Indian tribe"?

One of the most distressing cases is Tomales, applied to a well known deep bay and also a small town in Marin County. We are told that the name is a"corruption of 'tamales', a Mexican dish made of crushed maize mixed with minced meat, seasoned with red pepper, dipped in oil, wrapped in leaves of the corn husk, and steamed; or from Miwok, Indian word for 'bay'." Could anything be more dreadful! The name Tomales is from the Hoó-koo-e-ko Indian word Tam-mal, meaning bay country, the home of the tribe. Why it should be degraded by association with the commonplace dish 'tamales' is hard to understand.

Another example of Spanish influence, though a minor one, is the use of j for h, writing Mojave for the Indian word Mohave -- a common error.

Usal is given as "Pomo Indian tribe", but the place is some distance north of the northern limit of the Pomo; though attributed to Humboldt County and the locality known as Pomo is in Mendocino County though

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The mountain in Trinity County printed as Chanchetulla has no t in it and is commonly written Chanchelulla. The Indians in whose territory it lies call it Sohn-che-loo-lah.

Calor, so named because of proximity to the California-Oregon boundary, is correctly derived from the "fusion of California and Oregon" but the author adds the Spanish "(kah-lore) heat"! Why?

El Monte is said to mean the mountain. True, but this is only one of the two common meanings, the other being a dense forest or thicket. In California the latter is the usual meaning.

Encinal is given as "grove of oak trees". Why not say Live Oaks, to distinguish it from Robles (as in Paso Robles) the Valley Oaks?

Many more Spanish place names and hundreds of Indian names might be added were it deemed worth while.

I have taken time to examine Mrs. Mott's little book rather carefully for the reason that such an aid is really needed, not only to fill a gap in the geographic nomenclature of California, but also to satisfy a commendable thirst on the part of both residents and tourists for accurate information concerning a multitude of place names in our wonderful state. A corrected edition under a dignified title, with the names arranged in a single alphabetic list will be a genuine boon.

C. Hart Merriam

January 31, 1927.

Mr. Samuel Lopez
Crescent City
California

My dear Mr. Lopez:

Your letter of the 5th instant came sometime ago and I was very glad to hear from you.

I have delayed replying in the hope of having something encouraging to say in regard to the action of the present Congress, but in view of the fact that only a month remains of the present session it is very doubtful if any legislation concerning California Indians will be passed this year.

Nevertheless it is possible that the Swing-Johnson Bill may pass. It provides that certain moneys be turned over to the state of California to be expended under the Departments of Public Health and Education for the benefit of California Indians. It is an excellent bill and has already been approved by the California Legislature, so there is just a chance that it may go through.

A Court of Claims Bill has been introduced by Congressman Lea but I doubt very much if action on it is taken this year. It is much better than his previous bill for the reason that although it is a Claims Bill it

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nevertheless carries a guarantee for California Indians.

As I think you know, I have been strongly in favor of the Kahn Bill and have opposed all Court of Claims Bills. But Congress will not pass the Kahn Bill in the form in which it was introduced, and is opposed to a direct appropriation for the principal reason that it would set an embarrassing precedent, as the number of relief bills asked for by the Indians of the country as a whole is very large.

However, several of us are watching Indian matters closely and if anything of interest develops I will let you know.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Lopez and yourself

Very truly yours,

C. Hauke Brunson

January 31, 1927.

Miss Blanche Grant
Taos, New Mexico

My dear Miss Grant:

The last batch of books you have sent has arrived safely, comprising 'Taos Today', 'Taos One Hundred Years Ago', and 'Taos Indians'. The latter I am very glad to have and am enclosing herewith my check of $1.35.

It is a fine thing that you have been able to gather and preserve so much of the lore of these interesting people and that you have still other books in an advanced stage of preparation. You must be a very busy woman.

It will not be long in the future before authentic accounts of our primitive people will be even more appreciated than they are today.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 31, 1927.

Miss Mable H. Ward, Secretary
American Geographical Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York City

Dear Miss Ward:

Thanks for your letter of the 29th instant which came today. I had already written you, sending check for the maps of Lower California, and shall be greatly obliged if you will enter my order for two copies of the map of the northern half when it is ready.

Yes, I remember you and I am glad to know that you are so well located.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 31, 1927.

Mr. Edward H. Blade
West Palm Beach
Florida

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th instant I regret to say that I do not think of anyone who would be likely to join in your interesting cruise from Florida to California. If I learn of anyone will let you know.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 31, 1927.

Mr. Robert John Muma
Ilderton, Ontario
Canada

Dear Mr. Muma:

Replying to your letter of the 24th instant, would say that the injury to the frontal region of the skull of the weasel shown in your excellent sketches is due to the operations of a parasite of the genus Filaroides.

These pests are so abundant that a very large proportion of the skulls of weasels, skunks, and martens are deformed by them, sometimes to an amazing extent.

If you will look at plates 7 and 9 of North American Fauna No. 26 (Revision of 'Skunks of Genus Spilogale' by Arthur H. Howell) you will find additional examples. I do not need to see your skull as I have handled hundreds of them.

The reason so few pictures of skulls show the result of injuries caused by this parasite is that we always try to pick out skulls free from such deformities.

I am glad to know that you are interested in mammals, for while there are hundreds of amateur ornithologists, very few are really interested in small mammals.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 31, 1927.

The French Book Store
324 Stockton Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Sirs:

I have just seen an advertisement or notice of a book published by you entitled 'California Spanish Names' by Martha L. Marshall $.50. Amount enclosed herewith. Please send to me at 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C. and oblige

Very truly yours,

C. H. T. Townsend

January 31, 1927.

Flying Eagle, Secretary
American Indian Association
Denver, Colorado

My dear Sir:

In response to your statement just received I am enclosing my check for $4.00($3. for 1927 subscription to the Indian Tepee, $1. as a contribution for your general purposes).

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

C. H. T. Townsend

February 1, 1927

Mr. Wright Howes
1144 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Your catalogue No. 7 1926 lists Brinton's 'The American Race' 1901, $2.00. If not already sold please send with bill for same.

Very truly yours,

C. Hutchinson

February 1, 1927.

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for the month of January, amounting to $100.63, and also vouchers for services during January of Zenaida Merriam, assistant, $68.00; Stella Randolph, assistant-stenographer, $150.00; Mrs. Mable P. Hollister, assistant, $150.00, which please pay as usual from the Harriman fund and oblige

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec.30	Washington Academy Sciences: Separates of 'Origin of Name Shasta'	1	7	98
Jan. 3	Journal Washington Academy Sciences for 1927		5	00
4	American Anthropologist for 1927		6	00
6	Pint bottle Waterman ink	2		75
7	Indian Defense Association, Santa Barbara		2	50
	Taverner 'Birds Western Canad.' 2 copies		2	50
8	Fred Lockley, Otis 'The Indian Question'		2	15
	Science Service News Letter for 13 weeks		1	00
9	'California Out of Doors' for 1927		1	00
11	Allen's Press Clippings for December	3	3	60
14	Telegram to Chauncey Goodrich, San Francisco, (Indian affairs)		2	14
	California Historical Society Quarterly for 1927		10	00
16	'Bird Lore' for 1927		1	50
	Night letter to Chauncey Goodrich, San Francisco (Indian affairs)		1	20
	Blanche Grant: 'One Hundred Years Ago in Old Taos'; 'Taos Today'; 'Taos Indians';'Kit Carson' (with postage)		4	70
17	H. F. Werneson, binding 10 copies 'Pit River Indians'	4	11	50
	3 packages Photo Corners			30
18	Journal of Mammalogy for 1927		2	75
	Harr Wagner, Nott, 'Handbook for Californiacs' (Spanish and Indian names		1	14
Jan.20	Morrison Paper Co. 100 9x12 envelopes $2.; 3 erasers .25	5	2	25
22	Reid S. Baker: 7 photo enlargements	6	2	10
28	Grinnell's 'Cheyenne Camp Fires'	7	4	00
	M. L. Marshall 'California Spanish Names'			50
	'Indian Tepee' for 1927		3	00
	American Geographical Society, large map Lower California, 2 copies	8	4	00
30	'Grizzly Bear' June 1919 and postage			60
	Gas, Dec. 27 to Jan. 25 $10.90 (1/3 of $10.90)	9	3	64
	Electric current, Dec. 18-Jan. 19 $10.75(1/3 10.75)	10	3	58
	Rubber bands .25;paints for coloring maps .90		1	15
	Tokens for official errands (January)		1	00
	6 copies Congressional Record (Indian affairs)			60
	Charwoman: cleaning office rooms month of January	11	4	00
	Postage January		2	50
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February 5, 1927.

Virginia Paper Company, Inc.
933 D Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Please send me at the above address, with bill enclosed, 5000 sheets of Munising Bond like the attached sample in quality and size.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

February 19, 1927

Dr. John Collier
Munsey Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Collier:

Thanks for your notification of the impending meeting of the Sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs at ten o'clock on Wednesday the 23rd. I shall try to be there.

Herewith I am returning the carbons you loaned me on population for which thanks.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 21, 1927

Chief of Engineers
War Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The three copies ~~called for~~ of the Calistoga quadrangle (California) for which I asked a few days ago have been received; also the enclosed bill of 30 cents, which amount is transmitted herewith.

During more than forty years service in the Government: 25 as Chief of the Biological Survey, 20 as a member of the United States Geographic Board (of which I was Chairman for eight years), 17 as Investigator in the Smithsonian, and service in one or two other Departments, I have received several hundred maps from the Geological Survey, General Land Office, Coast Survey, Post Office, Engineer Department, and Department of Agriculture; but so far as my memory goes this is the first time a bill has ever been sent me for any of these maps.

In view of the circumstance that two years ago, at the request of your office, I spent a great deal of time in laboriously going over all of the Engineer Corps quadrangles for California, and sent four pages of typewritten corrections to your office, addressed to

Major John C. H. Lee, is it not a little out of the ordinary that a bill should be sent me for the Calistoga sheets? The amount of course, is trivial.

The Calistoga sheet in question lacks the names of most of the streams. If you will send me two additional copies of this sheet I will write the names of the principal streams thereon and return one of the copies to you.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

February 21, 1927

Publisher
Science
Garrison-on-Hudson
New York

Dear Sir:

What has become of 'Science'? I paid my 1927 renewal subscription on February 5 but have not received any copies for the past two or three weeks. Kindly look the matter up.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

February 21, 1927

Postmaster
Happy Camp, California

Dear Sir:

A recent newspaper clipping states that a man named Henry Aubrey of Cottage Grove was attacked by a mountain lion which he killed as it sprang upon him. Can you tell me how much truth there is in this statement?

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

February 21, 1927.

Mr. Francis P. Farquhar
114 Sansom Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Farquhar:

Thanks for your letter of the 7th instant forwarded to me by Dr. Matthes to whom I sent the letter to him which came in my envelope.

Thanks for your interest in calling the attention of the Chronicle Review Editor to my review of Mrs. Mott's 'Handbook for Califo-niacs'. I dislike to publish anything in a newspaper but under the circumstances am willing to let it go as you suggest. Kindly ask the editor to send me four copies for my personal files.

We have been having a snow storm and the snow is piled deep along the street gutters.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

E. T. Parsons

February 21, 1927

Col. J. A. McGuire, Editor
Outdoor Life
Denver, Colorado

Dear Colonel McGuire:

Ever since the receipt of the February number of Outdoor Life I have been threatening to ask you about the monsters shown sailing through the air above Willamette Falls and labelled 'Salmon Jumping'.

I was wondering if you had ever figured out the tonnage of this particular batch of aeroplanes.

Very truly yours,

E. T. Parsons

February 21, 1927

Dr. F. W. Hodge
Museum of the American Indian
Broadway at 156th Street
New York City

Dear Doctor Hodge:

A clipping from a San Diego paper recently received mentions the visit of Edward H. Davis to Tiburon Island and goes on to say: "An interesting thing which Davis brought from the expedition to his own home, it being of no value to the museum, is a pelican robe. It was made by the supposedly cannibalistic Indians of the Isla de Tiburon, or the Isle of the Shark, in the Gulf of California. It is of six pelican breasts in a double row of three each. It is joined with a strip of buckskin, and makes a 'blanket' over six feet long, very soft and downy on the top side. It is now used for covering by the Indians, but formerly it was used as a wrap-around garment. The quills stick through making the under side very scratchy, which in the opinion of Davis saved the wearers a lot of work."

I had supposed that the Heye Museum was interested in such things.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 21, 1927.

Librairie d'Amerique et d'Orient
Adrien-Maisonneuve
5, Rue de Tournon, 5
Paris, France

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is foreign money order for 24 francs for which please send to me at 1919 - 16th Street, Washington, D. C. a copy of 'Les Langues du Monde' by A. Meillet et Marcel Cohen, entered in your recent list as No. 118.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 21, 1927

Mr. Milton McMillan
123 South Claudina Street
Anaheim, California

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your letter of February 2 and the accompanying package of seeds and fragments of pottery.

The seeds I have had identified by the botanists of the Department of Agriculture and Biological Survey. Their indentifications are written on small envelopes containing a few seeds of each kind which are returned to you herewith. They are as follows:

Watermelon (Citrullus vulgaris), both black and red seeds.

Muskmelon (Cucumis melo)

Squash (Cucurbita maxima), including both the large incized seeds and the smaller plain seeds.

Pumpkin (Cucurbita pepo)

Cushaw or long-neck squash (Cucurbita moschata)

Tepary or Pinto bean (Phaseolus latifolius)

Flint corn (Zea mays), variety.

From this list you will see that without exception all of the seeds are those of modern cultivated plants, indicating that the cache has been used in very recent times. I had hoped that the seeds of aboriginal native plants would be found but in this I was mistaken.

The fragments of pottery do not fit into any of the Pueblo or pre-Pueblo types of Arizona, and we have no collection from the Mohave Desert region. It would be of interest to secure some complete specimens.

I am glad to know that you are taking so much interest in the old hieroglyphics or pictographs on the rocks. There are many on the red cliffs on the east side of Charleston Mountains in southern Nevada as well as in the desert region of southern California. It would be mighty fine if anybody knew how to read them. You intimate that some of them are warnings against poison water. This would be important to prove.

I have camped at Saratoga Springs in the south end of Death Valley, and in the Amargosa and various other places between the Panamints and the Vegas, but that was about thirty-seven years ago and I have not been there since. I would like to go again as the country is of fascinating interest.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 24, 1927.

Miss Alida C. Bowler
Indian Defense Association
1010 Mills Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Bowler:

Please don't interpret the intervals between my letters as an indication of lack of appreciation and interest in your various letters with accompanying carbons. Obviously you are a mighty busy woman and for my part I don't see how you manage to get in so much work.

Mr. Collier has of course kept you posted as to the doings or lack of doings here in the recent past. In a few days probably we shall learn the decision of the Senate Committee as to whether they will undertake an investigation of Indian affairs. Mr. Collier made a very strong statement yesterday before the Sub-committee, which was replied to by his friend Mr. Burke.

What you say about Colonel Darrington's promptness in answering letters reminds me of what the Indians say about his visits when he promises to look into certain matters and return with full particulars --"only he never returns".

It is a great pity that there seems to be so little

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prospect of success in the way of helping the poor Alexander Valley Indians or obtaining any accessible land for a new rancheria.

The best news in your recent letters is the statement you obtained from Mr. Sutton, County Supervisor, in regard to the road to Kaʻchil Rancheria. It is good to know that this road has been graded and graveled and that the half mile of it on top of the levee has been broadened in two places so that cars may pass. I am glad to know also that the gates have been reduced to three, but it is a pity that the Supervisor found them all open. I never had that luck with any of them.

But as to the Kaʻchil well: at times of high water there is no trouble except that it is likely to need cleaning out -- a job that is not easy, particularly from the Indian standpoint. But during low water times the well is either dry or absolutely unfit for use. Good Mrs. Dobbins of Colusa evidently did not visit Kaʻchil during the early and middle part of September. At low water the stuff in the bottom is a mixture of oil and water utterly undrinkable. As a result of all this the Dehe [Dehe means village or rancheria] was deserted, the people returning later.

The old pump was a dreadful institution; the new one is said to be much better but goes on a strike during low water.

Last season I am told that at least one woman died of T.B., leaving three children. These children were taken

by their poor old grandparents who were already caring for eight children. They are poor and sad and are said to have buried two daughters and one daughter-in-law in March and April, 1926. They would seem to be deserving of help.

Your Benny Stonecool I assume to be Stonecoal from a valley of that name adjacent to Hot Springs Valley.

Did you have any answer from Mrs. Forgues of Williams to your letter of February 4 about the Cortina Indians? I am sure you would enjoy a visit at Cortina. It is an interesting place and reached by an interesting road from Arbuckle. The old road from Williams is less entertaining.

Referring again to the hope entertained in some quarters as to the outcome of the new Lea Bill, you probably have been informed by Mr. Collier that the Indian Commissioner withdrew his approval of the bill under the original allowance of $2.50 per acre, stating that the Indian Office would not approve more than half that valuation. In this I think they are entirely right, as I have always maintained that the price of $2.50 an acre for remote and inaccessible lands in 1851-52 was preposterous.

Furthermore, as to the alleged acreage of the Eighteen Treaties reservations this: as I have repeatedly said to Mr. Collier, leaves unlimited room for the play of the imagination.

Your Attorney General, it seems to me, hit the nail

on the head when he urged the Right of Occupancy as the proper ground to base a claim on. This you remember has been my viewpoint from the first.

The remainder of the session is so near at hand that we shall soon know the outcome, if any, of Indian measures now before Congress.

I am months behind hand in my work on California Indians, but still hope that I can cut the work off in time to go to California reasonably early.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

C.[illegible]

February 24, 1927.

Mr. Fred Lockley
1243 E. Stark Street
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

Please send me from your List No. 193: 'Journal of American Ethnology and Archaeology', Vol. 3, 1892, J. W. Fewkes. Check for amount $3.50, is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

February 24, 1927

Prof. Wm. E. Ritter, President
Science Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ritter:

When I called you up a week or two ago in regard to the man, Albert B. Reagan, whose foolish and untruthful letter on Indian population was published in Science News with the introductory statement that "The author of this article is a well known authority on Indian life and customs," you agreed to let me know something about him.

It would be interesting to know why Science Service boosts this kind of a man as an "authority" on Indians and why it is willing to disseminate alleged authentic information which is not information but propaganda. What is Science News good for if it is not to furnish the people with reliable information?

Very truly yours,

February 26, 1927

Prof. Warren K. Moorehead
Phillips Academy
Andover, Massachusetts

My dear Professor Moorehead:

Your interesting letter of January 29 has lain unanswered much too long. I appreciate your frankness in the additional information you have been kind enough to give concerning your important plan for a reorganization of the Bureau.

In case the King Resolution for a Senate inquiry into Indian affairs in general and particular should pass, it is quite possible that the golden opportunity for a reorganization as outlined by you will have arrived.

I am informed by phone that the Senate Committee will report favorably for this investigation, but it does not follow that during the few remaining days the Senate will be willing to consider an affair of so little importance (from the standpoint of the average congressman). In any event it is worth something to know that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs appreciates the need for an investigation and probably for a radical reorganization.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

C. Hunt Jamison

March 2, 1927

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for the month of February amounting to $78.52, along with the following bills which I shall be obliged if you will pay as usual from the Herriman fund:

Zenaida Merriam, assistant		
Mrs. Mabel Hollister, assistant	$72.00	
Stella Randolph, assistant	150.00	
Art Metal Construction Co., No. 1851 Safe with 4 shelves, and open case of shelves	150.00	
Art Metal Construction Co., 3 extra plain shelves, No. 05996 (for safe)	$180.30	
National Geographic Society, 5 enlarged photographic maps	9.00	189.30
		10.00

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

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Feb. 3	Waldo, 'Down the Mackenzie'			1	00
5	Science and Scientific Monthly for 1927			11	00
9	Va. Paper Co: 5000 8x10 blue Munsing		1	8	00
	Williams and Wilkins: Anatomy of Wood Rat		2	5	00
10	Canadian Field Naturalist, for 1927			2	10
14	N.Y. Zoological Society Bulletin for 1927		3	1	50
15	Allen's Press Clippings (Indians) for January		4	3.	00
16	Wright Howes, Brinton 'American Race'		5	2	15
18	Underwood Typewriter Co.: Bottle Clarotype		6		50
	" " " Coupon book, ribbons		7	5	00
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C. Hart Merriam

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March 2, 1927

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President
National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Grosvenor:

Many thanks for your courtesy in sending me with the compliments of the Society, bound volumes of The National Geographic Magazine for the year 1926, just received. As heretofore, I will take them to Lagunitas where they will be enjoyed and appreciated by a number of people.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 2, 1927

Mr. Allen Johnson
602 Hill Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of February 28 asking for an article on Marcus Baker for your dictionary, would say that I regret exceedingly that I do not feel justified in complying with your request.

I am an old man with an appalling accumulation of work to prepare for the press; and from previous experience in writing several biographical articles of this character I find that the labor required is far too great.

Marcus Baker was a very dear friend. He was a kindly helpful man, possessed of accurate knowledge on an amazing number of subjects.

I would suggest that Colonel H. C. Rizer, for many years Chief Clerk of the Geological Survey and personal friend of Marcus Baker, be invited to write the article.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 3, 1927.

Mr. Ellery C. Stowell, President
Better Government League
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Stowell:

Replying to your communication of March 1, would say that I am only too well aware of the conditions you mention in the public service and am in full sympathy with the purposes of the League of which you are President, and shall be glad to know of the progress of your movement for better service.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 3, 1927.

Maj. C. L. Hall
Corps of Engineers
War Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Major Hall:

Thanks for your letter of February 24 in regard to the Calistoga Quadrangle. The two additional copies of the Quadrangle have been received and one of these is returned to you herewith with most of the streams and some of the mountains named.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 3, 1927

Prof. D. L. Thornbury
710 Hutchinson Building
Oakland, California

Dear Sir:

Your letter of February 22 is at hand. I do not know of any way in which you could become connected with the Smithsonian Institution. The Smithsonian is not a society but an institution for scientific research. But there are numerous scientific societies in Washington several of which you could join if you care to.

Mrs. Thornbury and your daughter will of course have a most delightful visit to the Hawaiian Islands.

I am glad to know that you are at work on another book on California.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

Walcott Henderson

March 3, 1927

Prof. J. McK. Cattell,
Editor, Science
Garrison-on-Hudson, N. Y.

Dear Professor Cattell:

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Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

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California Historical Society
508 Wells Fargo Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Doctor Camp:

Replying to your letter of February 25 would say that the failure of the Indian Office to find the original of George Gibbs' map is due of course to lack of interest in the search.

If you would get one of your Senators or members of the House to make a personal matter of this I have no doubt that the map would be found almost immediately.

My copy is a photostat and therefore black, and not very good for your purpose.* It is a very remarkable map in many respects, being the first so far as I know to show a number of places in their correct relations. I hold it as a very precious document. Nevertheless I will send it to you if you fail to obtain a copy from the Indian Office. If your time is too short wire me and I will send it by first mail.

Incidentally it might be remarked that the Indian Office contains many original documents of much historic value.

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Retake of Preceding Frame

March 3, 1927

Dr. John Collier
Munsey Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Collier:

Thanks for yours received this morning, enclosing your mimeographed appeal in regard to the Flathead Power Amendment. The next twenty-four hours will of course settle the fate of this as well as of numerous other interests.

The enclosed letter from Professor Ritter (which kindly return) explains the attitude of Science Service in general as bearing on Reagan's article in particular. You will see that he does not allude in any way to Doctor Haven's (Emerson) communication (which I assume came to his hand) nor to your telephone conversation.

Would not the best course now be for you to send him, or to me to transmit to Ritter, a rather brief reply setting forth the more important and undeniable facts?

Hastily yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 5, 1927

The Science Press
3941 Grand Central Terminal
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant, signed R.P., in regard to the missing numbers of Science, would say that I have not received a copy for at least a month. I can not give you the exact date of the last issue received for the reason that I keep no record of these but cut them up as received and file the articles in which I am interested.

The only suggestion I feel able to make as bearing on the miscarriage of these numbers is that my name and address may have been confused with that of John C. Merriam, 1924 - 16th Street. This happened once before.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

March 5, 1927.

Mr. Rawson Bennett II, Editor
The Trident
Annapolis, Maryland

My dear Sir:

May I again call your attention to the fact that the two copies of The Trident (Vol. 2, No. 4, June 1926) asked for August 30 of last year, and for which $1. was enclosed, have not yet arrived.

And of course I have not received the diary of the late Major Gustavus F. Merriam which in your letter of December 31 you say had been forwarded to you so that I might have it. I should be greatly pleased to receive this as well as the copies of The Trident asked for, as they form an important item in our family archives.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

March 5, 1927

Prof. W. E. Ritter, President
Science Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ritter:

Thanks for your letter of February 28.

Of course it may be all right for Science Service to class such men as Reagan as "well known authorities", although after considerable search I have failed to find any anthropological article by him anywhere, and furthermore, have failed to find him in the lists of members of any anthropological society or association. In fact the only information thus far obtained about him is that he once assisted in archaeological diggings somewhere in Arizona.

You divine that I "have considerable feeling in the matter." You are right, I have, and for two reasons: (1) Because I do not like to see the notoriously inaccurate (if not purposely untruthful) statements of the Indian Office broadcasted to the press of the United States for publication in a multitude of newspapers throughout the country; and, (2) because I have enough pride in Science Service to want to feel that its statements may be relied upon -- as you say -- for TRUSTWORTHY information.

W.E.R. -2

You say that the "regular way" of Science Service is "to give the contenders equal chance to present their cases." Then why don't you do it in this case? I am informed that you have a letter from no less an authority than Dr. Haven Emerson on the subject, and also a statement of facts from John Collier, the latter sent to Mr. Watson Davis of your office.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 7, 1927

Mr. Stephen Knight
Ukiah, California

Dear Mr. Knight:

At last the winter session of Congress has come to an end. No legislation whatever was passed affecting California Indians.

The filibuster of the last few days of the session prevented the passage of the Deficiency Bill, and also prevented the vote on the King Resolution providing for a survey of the condition of Indians throughout the country, which is greatly to be regretted. However, the hearing of February 23 on the King Resolution (S.Res.341) has just been printed and a few copies came today. I am sending you two of these herewith and may be able to secure two or three more. Much of it is interesting reading.

Miss Bowler has kept you informed in regard to the Lea Bill vs. the Kahn Bill. As you know, I have not given my support to the Lea Bill although it has the distinct advantage of eliminating Collett so that he can have no shadow of an excuse for continuing to extort money from California Indians.

The new congress, as you know, will include a number of new men, but of course none of us know who the members of the Indian Committees of either the House or Senate will be. Enough of the old members to continue to stand up for the Indian Office will likely remain.

If you have any questions to ask I will try to answer them.

Do you happen to know whether the people of Komle originally belonged to your tribe or to one of the tribes farther north? If they came from farther north, just where did they come from?

With best wishes to you and your family from all of us

Very truly yours,

C. Hunt Townsend

March 7, 1927

University Press
Berkeley, California

Dear Sirs:

Barrett's Ethnogeography of the Pomo and Neighboring Indians' was published by the University Press in February, 1908 as Vol. 6, No. 1 of Pubs. in Am. Archaeology and Ethnology. It is a large paper comprising 332 pages and two or three maps, but has no index. I am wondering if the index to this material is included in a general index of Vol. 6. If so, and you will kindly send me a copy of this index with bill for same I shall be greatly obliged.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 9, 1927.

Editor
Chico Enterprise
Chico, California

Dear Sir:

Your issue of February 24 contains an astoundingly false statement in regard to Congressional legislation for the relief of California Indians. It begins: "California Indians have won their fight for compensation for lands ceded to the Government in 1851, according to word received by W. J. Conway of Chico, President of the North American Indian Association." [Incidentally one might inquire, what and where is the 'North American Indian Association' of which said Conway is president?]

Then you go on to say, "Conway has received word from F. G. Collett of the Indian Board of Co-operation, Inc., at San Francisco that the Raker bill has passed both houses of Congress, and that, despite rumors to the contrary, it will be signed by President Coolidge this winter." In another paragraph it is stated: "Under the terms of the bill $250,000,000 will be distributed to California Indians in quarterly payments over a period of years."

I am an old man but I do not remember to have ever in my life seen so many lies in one article. In the first place

no such bill as the one spoken of has been introduced in Congress during the past session. In the second place no bill whatever for the relief of California Indians has been passed by the last Congress, nor has any such bill been reported by either House of Congress.

The announcement that $250,000,000 will be distributed to California Indians is about as truthful as would be a statement that Chico had just been wiped off the face of the earth and all its inhabitants butchered by an army of 250,000,000 Indians!

How such a batch of lies without even the shadow of a thread of fact behind them could get into print is beyond comprehension.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 9, 1927

Prof. Roland Dixon
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Professor Dixon:

Pardon my delay in replying to your kind letter of January 22. I have been under great pressure.

I much regret my error in transliterating the word 'church' and will try never to do it again.

You speak of not knowing the use of 'ş' for 'sh'. It is so used by Dr. Melvin R. Gilmore who gives " ş as sh in shine". You say I am probably thinking of 'ş' instead of 'ş', "an obviously different matter," but the only alphabet I have yet discovered that uses 'ş' with a short mark over it is Bugoras, who gives it the sound of 'z' in German zeit (in Boaz 'Handbook of Indian Languages').

You feel that I am confused in the sounds 'ch' and 'ts'. As a matter of fact I often get both sounds for the same word from different Indians of the same tribe, sometimes from the same individual. Thus in Ham-mah'-we I have:

Wolf, Ché-moo and Tsé-moo
Gray Ground Squirrel, Ah-chaht (2 times)
Ah-tsaht (2 times)
Bat, Chah'-sahts and Tsah'-sahts
Flicker, Chōk (4 times)
Tsawk (2 times)
Blackbird, Chō-kah (4 times)
Tso-kah (2 times)

R.D. -2

In Mo-des'-se I have:

Robin, Chis'-kah-kah (5 times)
Sis'-kah-kah (2 times)

Grasshopper, Cho'-e (4 times)
Tso'-e (1 time) and so on.

Apparently you attribute differences in the sounds recorded by you contrasted with those obtained by me, as due to inexperience or carelessness on my part. But probably you do not know that I have personally written more than 140 vocabularies from California and Nevada tribes and that I have checked most of these two or three times and some of them seven or eight times, always from different Indians, and also that I have a fairly good Indian ear. My vocabularies show a surprisingly large variation in the sounds as spoken by different members of the same tribe. Thus from Southern Me'-wuk I have for Grizzly, Oo-hoo'-ma-te (5 times), O-ham'-i-te (2 times); for Coon, Pot'-kăs (4 times), Pot-kahs (2 times); Mountain Lion, He-le'-chah (once), He-le'-jah (6 times); Big Wolf, Aw'-noop (4 times), O'-noop (2 times); Badger, Tew'-wik (6 times), Te'-wik (2 times); Bat, Chip-pe-se'-se (once), Tip'-pe-se'-se (5 times); Deer, Hik'-kah (3 times), He'-gah (2 times); Chipmunk, Pis'-soo (once), Pe'-soo (5 times); Pocket Gopher, Soo'-wut (5 times), Sew'-wut (once); Tail, Hoo'-ge (once), Hoo'-ke (2 times); Horns, Ke'-le (3 times), Kil'-le (once); Dung, Kun-nat' (3 times), Koo'-nat (once); Burrow, We-ĕh' (3 times), We'-ā (once); Burrowing Owl, To'-ko-wah (2 times),

Tah-kow-wah (2 times); Robin, Wit-tap (6 times), We-tap (3 times); Eel, Wă-sit, Wes-sit -- and so on for hundreds of words.

You say that I speak as if I were the first to recognize the differences between Achomawi and Atsugewi? This horrifies me. If you will turn to page 4 of my recent Pit River paper you will find the following statement: "It should be borne in mind also that the Pit River group is by no means homogeneous, the component tribes speaking two very distinct languages, as pointed out by Dixon in 1907", with a footnote referring to your paper entitled 'The Shasta-Achomawi' of 1907. It hurts me to feel that you think I would endeavor to convey any such meaning.

Obviously either I failed to make myself clear or you misinterpreted what I said on the top of page 6 in regard to the contrasting vocabularies beginning on that page. What I meant was that words differing dialectically in either of the two sets of tribes were omitted, meaning that if the word in question was not the same in all of the several Pit River tribes proper it was omitted, or if not the same in both of the two Atsooka-an dialects it was omitted. Furthermore, on the same page I stated that the purpose of the table was "to bring out the striking resemblances and differences between the languages of the two groups." You will see therefore that I not only had no intention of omitting words that differ dialectically

between the two groups, but that I distinctly stated that such words were included to bring out the striking resemblances as well as the differences.

I am thankful for your letter as giving me an opportunity to explain several matters that were not clearly understood between us.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Is it not a fact that many anthropologists in working with Indians, do most of their work with a single individual and in this way get an exaggerated notion of the fixity of sounds? I am more and more impressed every year with the variation in sounds of the same word as spoken by different individuals.

March 9, 1927.

Miss Alida C. Bowler
1010 Mills Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Miss Bowler:

Thanks for one of the mimeographed copies regarding the Kahn-Lea Bills which you had made for Stephen Knight.

As you of course know, the filibustering at the end of the Senate session defeated the passage of the resolution of inquiry and much other badly needed legislation, so now everything must go over until next December.

Enclosed herewith is a carbon of a letter I have just written the Editor of the Chico Enterprise. Did you ever hear of such a mess of lies? Surely Collett has overdone himself this time.

Hastily yours,

C. Hartley Hurrieum

Thanks a lot for yours of [illegible] and the carbon of the letter I have written. The Kahn bill [illegible] on file when I am in Washington to-day. [illegible] and [illegible] up at pete [illegible]

Glad to write when you [illegible]

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Ukiah, California

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C. Hart Merriam

Thanks also for yours of March 3 just received, and the items of the above was written. The Kahn-Lea bill is dying to an [illegible] on a roll number to come. It looks as if [illegible] will [illegible] up or pile up.

Glad to write [illegible]

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Retake of Preceding Frame

March 9, 1927.

Dr. John Collier,
New York University
Washington Square
New York City.

Dear Dr. Collier:

The enclosed carbon will put you wise as to Collett's latest performance.

Trusting that things are moving satisfactorily with you,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 9, 1927.

Mr. Frederic W. Miller
Museum of Natural History
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Miller:

In compliance with your request of the 4th instant I took pleasure in sending you a day or two ago a copy of my 'Preliminary Revision of the Pumas' published by the Washington Academy of Sciences in 1901.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 9, 1927.

Mr. Fred W. Wilson
Adin, California

My dear Sir:

Your letter of February 27 came a few days ago and I was glad to hear from you.

You ask about the news. Congress has now ended. They did not pass any bill for California Indians, so nothing can be done until next December when the new Congress meets. There will be many new members and we hope for some good ones on the Senate and House Committees on Indian Affairs.

The Court of Claims Bill was not reported on by the Committee on Indian Affairs and therefore can not come up again before next winter.

A few days ago a Chico newspaper published a statement from Conway and Collett saying that the Raker Bill had passed Congress and would be signed by the President. This is a big lie and was evidently intended to mislead California Indians.

Now about your horses. I am afraid I can not help you, but in a few days I will go to see Colonel Greeley, the Head of the Forest Service, and talk with him about it. I believe

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he is the only man who has full authority in the matter. I will write you what he says.

I also hope to see you in the spring after my return to California.

With best wishes to all your people

Very truly yours,

C. H. Lawrence

March 9, 1927

Mr. Harry George
Lookout, California

My dear Mr. George:

I would have written you sometime ago but was waiting to see if Congress would pass any bills to help California Indians this year. But Congress has now ended without doing anything for California Indians. Congress will not meet again until next December, and then there will be new men on the Indian Committees of both Senate and House of Representatives. We hope to have a bill ready for them in the early part of the winter.

In a day or two I will send you a copy of the recent hearing on the need of an investigation of Indian affairs. It came too late for any action this year but we hope for better luck next year.

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I hope to see you during the coming spring. With kind regards to all your people Very truly yours,

March 10, 1927.

Dr. George Bird Grinnell
238 East 15th Street
New York City

Dear Grinnell:

It was mighty good of you to send me your Cheyenne Campfire Tales. I have read the book from one end to the other with great interest. Much of it is of real historical value and all of it of ethnological and religious interest.

Two features of these tales appealed to me particularly as contrasted with the tales of most of our California Indians. One is the comparatively recent origin (or modification) shown by the frequent mention of horses. The other is the power that many of the people possessed of changing back and forth from Animal People to real people. So far as I remember, nothing of this kind occurs in the myths of California tribes except that Old Coyote-man was able to transform himself into various shapes and beings, returning back to his original self when he wanted to.

It must be a great satisfaction to you to have lived long enough to see in print the results of the many years of faithful work you have put in with the Cheyenne Indians.

I have mythological material from various tribes of California Indians, enough probably to make eight or ten

volumes. One of these, the Mo-des-se History of the Universe, I hope to send to the printer within a few days. The others must wait.

We are hoping to drive across to California much earlier than usual this year, but can not of course fix any date.

With best wishes and hearty congratulations on the completion of this last volume,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 10, 1927

Mr. Sam Spring
Canby, California

Dear Mr. Spring:

It is a long time since I have written you or heard from you. When I visited your place last summer you had gone to Pyramid Lake to have your eyes operated on. I most earnestly hope that the operation was successful and that you can see much better than you could before.

We are disappointed that Congress adjourned a week ago without passing any bill for the help of California Indians. Several good bills were introduced but failed to get through. We hope for better luck next winter when the new Congress meets in December.

The biggest fool thing I have seen this year is a statement in the Chico newspaper called 'The Enterprise' which came out on February 24. It says that W. J. Conway of Chico had received word from F. G. Collett that the Raker Bill had passed both houses of Congress and would be signed by the President. It stated also that 250 million dollars would be distributed to California Indians

in quarterly payments extending over a period of years. This of course is a malicious lie. No such bill had ever been introduced and no bill of any kind had been approved by the Committee on Indian Affairs.

I expect to return to Lagunitas as usual and hope to see you again during the early part of the summer.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Kneiss

March 10, 1927.

Mr. Sam Lopez
Smith River, California

My dear Mr. Lopez:

By this mail I am sending you a copy of the Senate Hearing on S. Res. 341, a resolution providing for a general survey or inquiry in regard to the condition of Indians with special reference to the things done and not done by the Indian Office.

Congress has now adjourned and has not passed a single bill for the help of California Indians. There will be no other session until the new Congress comes together in December. We hope that with new men and more time we may be able to get through one or two of our helpful bills.

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Very truly yours,

March 10, 1927.

Mr. Robert Rivis
Adin, California

Dear Mr. Rivis:

Twice last summer I was in your country and intended to visit you but was told that you were not at home. I hope for better luck during the coming summer.

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Very truly yours,

March 10, 1927

Prof. Trevor Kincaid
State Museum, University
Seattle, Washington

Dear Professor Kincaid:

In glancing over the January number of 'The Murrelet' I was interested to note your statement that the skull of a fossilized musk ox from Alaska had lately been received by your museum.

Evidences of the former existence of the musk ox in Alaska are so rare that I should be greatly obliged if you will kindly tell me what part of Alaska it came from.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 10, 1927.

Mr. E. N. Lafonso
Chico, California

My dear Mr. Lafonso:

Congress adjourned about a week ago without passing a single bill of any kind for the relief of California Indians. Nevertheless your neighbor, W. J. Conway, has informed The Enterprise of your city that he had received word from F. G. Collett that the Raker Bill had passed both houses of Congress and would be signed by the President; and furthermore, that 250 million dollars would be distributed to California Indians in quarterly payments extending over a period of years!

This is the biggest lie that has been told in California since its first invasion by the Whites. How could anyone make such a false statement? Obviously there are still people who are so depraved and so lacking in self-respect that they don't care what they say.

With kind regards to Mrs. Lafonso and your children

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 11, 1927.

Mr. Arthur Deerin Call
Colorado Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Call:

Acting on your suggestion, I have just sent a letter to the Committee on Admissions of the Cosmos Club recommending the election of Doctor George W. White, whom I have known for more than twenty years and for whom I have the highest regard.

I did not know until the receipt of your letter today that he had been nominated.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 11, 1927

Committee on Admissions
Cosmos Club
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

It gives me pleasure to second John Joy Edson's nomination of George W. White, President of the National Metropolitan Bank, for membership in the Club.

I have known Doctor White for more than twenty years and have unlimited confidence in his ability, integrity, and services in an administrative capacity for various charitable, medical and benevolent institutions.

While he does not come strictly under the head of a scientific man, he nevertheless has attained distinction in public service and in the profession of banking. I believe him to be well qualified for membership in the Club.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Original Defective

March 14, 1927.

Mr. Robert John Muma
Ilderton, Ontario
Canada

Dear Mr. Muma:

Your letter of the 9th instant arrived a day or two ago. I am glad you are interested in the life history of Filaroides mustelarum, the nematode that infests the frontal sinuses of skunks, weasels and kindred mammals. Nothing is known of the life history of this nematode so an excellent opportunity is open to any one who can carry out the necessary investigation.

You ask for references. If you will look in the American Naturalist, Vol. 31, pp. 234-5, 1897, you will find an account with references to other papers. Also, in Gerrit S. Miller's 'Mammals of Ontario' published in the Proceedings of the Boston Society of Natural History, p. 42, April 1897, you will find other matter of interest.

Dr. Hassel of the Bureau of Animal Industry says that the intermediate host of this parasite is suspected to be a fish or some other aquatic animal.

It will be fine if you secure the position mentioned on the staff of the Royal Ontario Museum. This will give you many opportunities of value in addition to the use

of its library and contact with naturalists in several lines of research.

It occurs to me that you would get a good deal from membership in the American Society of Mammalogists. I am therefore enclosing a nomination blank which Vernon Bailey and I have signed for you.

The Biological Survey has not published the paper you mention entitled 'Suggestions for Young Naturalists' but I think an article published by Walter Taylor somewhere contains the matter to which you refer. Vernon Bailey tells me he will look for it and let you know later.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 14, 1927.

Miss Nellie V. Sanchez
6032 Harwood Avenue
Oakland, California

Dear Miss Sanchez:

Your letter of the 7th instant has just come to hand. I have had your book for several years but it is at my California home at Lagunitas. It is so long since I examined it that I do not remember details, but if you wish criticism I will re-examine it on my return to Lagunitas for the summer.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 14, 1927

Editor
Chronicle
San Francisco, California

My dear Sir:

I have just been told that the Sunday Chronicle of March 6 contains a review written by me of Mrs. Mott's little book entitled 'Handbook for Californiacs'. I have not seen this issue of the Chronicle and shall be obliged if you will kindly send me four copies. This request was made of the reporter who secured the article from Mr. Farquhar, but he failed to send me the paper.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Original Defective

March 15, 1927.

Librairie d'Amerique et d'Orient
Adrien-Maisonneuve
5, Rue de Tournon, 5
Paris -6, France

Dear Sirs;

Thanks for your letter of the 5th instant telling me about the mistake I made in sending the money for the book ordered. I acted on the current value of the French franc.

The balance due you of $4.38 is enclosed herewith and I shall be glad to receive the work.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Title of Book:
Les Langues du Monde
Meillet et Cohen

March 19, 1927

Publisher of Science
3941 Grand Central Terminal
New York City

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the missing numbers of Science I would refer you again to my letter of February 21 in which I called your attention to the fact that I had not received any number of Science for two or three weeks prior to that date. Would also call your attention to two or three subsequent letters, on account of which you finally restored me to your mailing list so that I received the number for Saturday, March 5 -- the first that has come to my address since January.

This morning I have consulted the file of Science in the Carnegie Institution and find that the last number received by me was that of January 28. I shall be obliged therefore if you will kindly send me the numbers for February 4, February 11, February 18, and February 25, none of which have been received.

My suspicion that my address was again confused with that of Doctor John C. Merriam receives verifica-

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tion from his statement to me this morning that he had received two copies of several numbers. He said that the wrappers were removed by an assistant so that he had not noticed my name.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Original Defective

March 26, 1927

Mr. C. A. Ellis
161 Gower Street
St. Johns, Newfoundland

My dear Mr. Ellis:

Your letter of March 16 with accompanying clipping has been forwarded to me by the National Geographic Society.

I am still very much alive and appreciate your interest in inquiring about me. The newspaper clipping you enclosed is also of interest and I am somewhat amused at your statement that you think me "a millionaire", whereas I am, and always have been, in very moderate circumstances.

From your statement it appears that you and I are the only survivors of the good ship 'Proteus'. I shall never forget that memorable trip of 1883, nor shall I forget our capable Ice-master, Captain Richard Pike.

My work for many years has been far away from Newfoundland and the ice fields. For fifty years I have been at work in the mountains and deserts of the far West, and I am expecting to return to California in the near future.

With kind remembrances and best regards

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Since writing the above letter it has occurred to me that you might possibly know of the existence of photographs of Hooded Seals at their whelping grounds on the ice. For years I have been anxious to obtain some good photographs of this sort, but without success. If you can give me the name and address of any one from whom I could purchase photos of this kind I should be very greatly obliged.

C.H.M.

His reply is dated May 11, 1927.
He gives Kennel address.

March 26, 1927.

Mr. Fred Lockley
1243 East Stark Street
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your Book List No. 202 which I am returning herewith.

I shall be obliged if you will send me from this list the 'Great Klamath Basin of Southern Oregon' 1885 ($3.00) and 'Basketry of the Coast and Islands of the Pacific' Portland, 1896 ($1.75), in all $4.75.

I am not enclosing check for the reason that on previous orders some of the books had been sold before you received my letter and therefore you returned the check. On receipt of these publications with bill I will remit at once.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

March 26, 1927

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President
National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Grosvenor:

Thanks for your note of the 25th instant enclosing a letter and clipping from C. A. Ellis of St. Johns, Newfoundland.

The curious circumstance that Ellis thought me "a millionaire" is doubtless due to the fact that the sealers aboard 'The Proteus' all insisted that the seal skulls I was collecting were to be ground up and used for medicine, which owing to its extraordinary potency, would be sold at fabulous prices!

I will inform Mr. Ellis that I am still with the living.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

March 28, 1927.

Dr. F. E. Matthes
3203 - 19th Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Matthes:

It is good to learn from your letter of the 25th instant that our friend George W. Stuart of Visalia has finished his paper on the circular rock basins of the southern Sierra, and that you have added a few paragraphs from the standpoint of an expert geologist.

In regard to a likely place for publication, would say that while the American Anthropologist, as you suggest, would be an appropriate medium, it does not publish illustrations, if I am correctly informed, except when paid for by the author, and it is so overcrowded with matter that there is no telling when an article will appear.

I do not know anything about the qualifications or restrictions of Art and Archaeology, but would suggest that the Journal of the American Museum of Natural History, (New York city) the title of which has been changed to 'Natural History', would be appropriate and has a large circulation. Moreover they are glad to have illustrations and do not charge the author with cost of reproduction.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 28, 1927

Mr. Charles L. Stewart
2726 Folsom Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Your letter of the 22nd instant has just arrived. I am glad to know that your friend Mr. Stuhl of McCloud is preparing a book on Mt. Shasta; and in compliance with your request I am sending you herewith one of the few remaining copies of my 'Biological survey of Mt. Shasta' published in 1899.

But I can not answer your question as to whether or not Jedediah Smith was within seeing distance of Shasta during his trip to Oregon. In fact we know very little of the details of his route on that journey.

It is a real pleasure to me to know that you are going to include a photograph of J. S. Diller and that you are reviving the name Diller Canyon bestowed upon it by me in 1898.

Along with my 'Biological survey of Mt. Shasta' I am enclosing a recent article showing the transposition of the name from Mt. Pitt in Oregon to the present Mt. Shasta in California--something wholly unknown to me until last year.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 28, 1927.

Mr. E. I. Garrett
Puget Sound Machinery Depot
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 21st instant I am sending you herewith a copy of my technical paper on the 'Big Bears of America'. My popular book on the subject is not yet ready for the press.

I should be interested to know where your nine specimens of big bears were killed and whether or not you preserved their skulls.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart

March 28, 1927

Mr. H. D. Frisbie, Manager
Touring Bureau
American Automobile Association
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Frisbie:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me in compliance with my request, a digest of the present District of Columbia traffic regulations and the maps asked for.

Very truly yours,

March 28, 1927

Prof. J. McKeen Cattell
Garrison-on-Hudson
New York

Dear Professor Cattell:

As I wrote you yesterday immediately after Dall's death, I am now enclosing a biographical notice of him which you may find appropriate for the pages of Science. It is a little long, but being typewritten in triple space, is not quite so long as it seems.

Very truly yours,

C.A. [illegible]

Proof read, April 4.

Published in Science, April 8, 1927

WILLIAM HEALY DALL

1845 - 1927

The death of Doctor Dall on March 27, 1927 removes one of the last pillars from the fast disappearing class of Systematic Naturalists -- a class whose roll of honor in America is adorned by the names of Audubon, Agassiz, Allen, Baird, Cassin, Cope, Coues, Dana, Gill, Hyatt, Kennicott, Leidy, Newberry, Packard, Richardson (Sir John), and Verrill. And it may be said with truth that in his chosen field no one of these labored more faithfully, or contributed more substantially to the advance of knowledge.

While Dall was primarily a conchologist, his interests were by no means confined to this specialty but reached out into many and divergent paths of scientific investigation. He was a student of nature in a broad sense -- a naturalist in the full meaning of the term.

His early enthusiasm in the study of birds indicates

the loss to ornithology when other work called him away. For not only did he give us the first 'List of Birds of Alaska' (1869), but his 'Avifauna of the Aleutian Islands' (1873), still remains the authoritative source of published information on that extensive and then little known region. Similarly his 'Food Fishes of Alaska' (1871), his 'List of the Mammals of Alaska with discussion of the Furbearing Animals' (1870), 'Parasites of Cetaceans' (1872), and critical studies of the Cetacea with descriptions of new species (1873-1874), were marked contributions to the zoology of the time. His 'Meteorology of Alaska'(1879) is a noteworthy volume, containing not only an elaborate summary of what was then known on the subject, but also maps showing the northern limit of tree growth and the distribution of plants and animals.

But the scope of his activities is by no means covered by the above enumeration, for in addition to his monumental contributions to conchology his publications enrich several

other lines of research, notably anthropology, geography, tidal currents, geology, and paleontology. Still other essays of which special mention should be made are those on evolution, on the geographic distribution of marine animals, and on Zoological Nomenclature—the latter a painstaking and much needed work of timely service to systematic naturalists. And besides these already mentioned, Dall was the author of a number of monographic volumes and a multitude of lesser papers, chiefly on the Mollusca; and also of an appreciative biography of Spencer F. Baird -- a volume of more than 450 pages, published in 1915. To one unacquainted with his indefatigable industry, the number, magnitude and quality of his published contributions to science is quite overpowering.

Dall, in common with most naturalists, developed an interest in natural history when so young that he was unable to recall the date. The accident that led him to become

interested in shells was, he says, the possession when a boy of twelve, of a copy of Dr. Gould's 'Invertebrata of Massachusetts.' Inspired by this work, and living near Boston, he undertook to make a complete collection of the shells of Massachusetts. Finding species that he was unable to name, he made bold to consult the author, Dr. Gould, who gave him much sound advice, and whom Dall characterized as "one of the best and most loveable of men."

A little later, when employed in an office on the India wharf in Boston, where he did boy's work for wages, he kept a book in his desk and at odd times when unoccupied with his regular task, copied scientific books which he then thought he would never be able to buy.

The next factor in shaping his zoological career was work in the Museum at Cambridge, where he fell under the magnetic influence of Louis Agassiz. His third opportunity occurred in Chicago at the time of the Civil War when, having failed to obtain a livlihood in Boston, he found

employment in the Windy City. Although hard at work during the day, he spent his evenings studying at the Chicago Academy of Sciences.

It was there that he met William Stimpson and Robert Kennicott, both of whom became dear personal friends. It was there also that he determined, in the event of a choice of occupations, to accept irrespective of pay the one that promised most in the way of opportunity for continuing his scientific studies. Acting on this resolve he more than once declined offers of higher salary and undertook harder work with less pay where there were better advantages for study.

In 1865 he visited Alaska as one of the scientific staff of the Western Union International Telegraph Expedition, and when his friend Robert Kennicott, leader of the Expedition, died on the ice of the Yukon, Dall was unanimously chosen to succeed him. In 1867 he explored and mapped the mighty

Yukon River from the coast up to Fort Yukon, then believed to be on or near the International boundary. On his return he published an illustrated volume on Alaska and its Resources (1870) comprising upwards of 600 pages and a map, which for many years remained the standard authority on the territory. Professor Baird, appreciating his industry and talent, promptly took him into the fold of the Smithsonian Institution which, except during absences on field expeditions, continued to be his headquarters until his recent fatal illness.

From 1871 to 1874 Dall was Captain of a Coast Survey vessel and head of a scientific survey of the Aleutian Islands and adjacent coasts, the results of which, with much other material, were embodied in a quarto volume entitled the 'Pacific Coast Pilot, Coasts and Islands of Alaska,' (1877) prepared jointly by himself and his associate Marcus Baker, which accompanied it

The bibliography by Marcus Baker contains upwards of 90 titles

of articles by Dall published prior to the year 1879.

From 1880 till his death he was an Honorary Curator in the National Museum; from 1884 to 1925 he was paleontologist of the United States Geological Survey; from 1893 till 1927 he held the Chair of Invertebrate Paleontology in the Wagner Institute of Science; and from 1899 to 1915 was Honorary Curator of the Bishop Museum, Hawaii.

He was the recipient of several medals and honorary degrees including that of L.L.D.

In 1899 Dall was one of the most eminent of the scientific guests of the late E. H. Harriman on the famous and unique Harriman Alaska Expedition. It is well within the truth to say that in view of the vast amount of work done by Dall during his 13 previous visits to Alaska and in the preparation of his publications on the geography, geology, meteorology, anthropology, and natural history of the territory, his knowledge was of the greatest service; while his genial disposition and readiness to answer multitudes of questions, both individual and at the evening

gatherings in the cabin, made him the most beloved member of the expedition. To the series of 13 volumes on the results of the research work of the voyage, he contributed a valued article on the 'Discovery and Exploration of Alaska,' and a beautiful and touching poem on the Innuit People.

Like Baird, under whose kindly influence many years of his life were spent, his mind was a treasure house of information in various fields of science, geography, exploration and other subjects, and although one of the busiest men in the world, he gladly gave the benefit of his wide knowledge to earnest seekers for truth. To young men and women who had chosen some branch of zoology or kindred science for their life work, he was always willing to lend a helping hand and was always patient, kind, helpful, and generous.

His own views as to the attributes and qualities that go to make up a naturalist were expressed in an address on 'Some American Conchologists' delivered in Washington more than forty years ago, in which he states, "The only lesson which may be said to be absolutely clear is, that naturalists are born, and not made; that the sacred fire cannot be extinguished by poverty nor lighted from a college taper. That the men whose work is now classical, and whose devotion it is our privilege to honor, owed less to education in any sense than they did to self-denial, steadfastness, energy, a passion for seeking out the truth, and an innate love of nature. These are the qualities which enabled them to gather fruit of the tree of knowledge." And it is obvious from [illegible] the character of his own work, that he believed that "what is worth doing is worth doing well."

My acquaintance with Dall dates back more than half a century, for it began in 1875 in the laboratory of the

U. S. Fish Commission at Woods Hole, a favorite meeting-place for scientific men, then under the capable and friendly management of Professor Baird. Professor Verrill was in charge of the Invertebrate studies, while among the laboratory assistants were Sidney I. Smith, Samuel F. Clarke, E. B. Wilson (then a mere lad), Tarleton H. Bean, and myself. William H. Dall, Alpheus Hyatt, and David Starr Jordan were among the many who visited the laboratory or worked there for short periods.

It was the possession of such sterling qualities as intellectual capacity, patience, industry and thirst for knowledge, coupled with high ideals of integrity and obligation, that enabled Dall to attain the position he so long held among the eminent scientiest of the world. The closing words of his appreciation of his friend William Stimpson may well be applied to himself: "Those who had the privilege of his companionship will carry an abiding memory of his abilities as a naturalist and his noble and loveable characteristics as a man."

March 28, 1927.

Col. George W. Stewart
Visalia, California

Dear Colonel Stewart:

The Sierra Club Bulletin recently received contains a number of interesting articles, the most interesting and important of which from my point of view is the one on Yokut Indians by George W. Stewart. The main grievance in connection with it is that you did not outline nor in any way indicate on your map the limits of the various tribes and subtribes mentioned. From no little experience in the same line of work I assume this omission to be due to the extreme difficulty of ascertaining the boundaries. But instead of shedding tears for what we do not know, there is much to be thankful for in the locations given, and still more in the article itself, which is full of meat.

On page 391 you make a statement or two that would seem to require confirmation. In the second paragraph you say that it is known that they, the Yokut people "wandered southward into the Mohave Desert, westward to the Pacific Ocean, northerly to San Francisco Bay, or at least to its vicinity."

Personally I do not believe this. For many years

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past I have spent a great deal of time in laboring over the old mission records, both published and unpublished, including the manuscript records of twenty-two of the missions, and the Spanish archives preserved in the Bancroft Library. From these it is obvious that Indians from the Tulare region were taken to some of the northern missions, as at Santa Cruz and Carmel, and that in some cases enough were taken to form a small settlement or rancheria by themselves, apart from those of other tribes located at the same mission. But it would take very strong evidence, still unknown to me, to prove that Yokut Indians of themselves (not driven or transported by the Padres) ever reached any part of the coast, or anywhere in the neighborhood of San Francisco Bay. Your inquiries have been very searching, I know, and you may have dug up evidence that I have missed.

It would be a great thing for California ethnology if you could find time to elaborate this paper so as to include whatever technical and additonal other material you may possess, and illustrate it with a larger scale colored map showing the areas you know to have been possessed by the different tribes and subtribes, even if you have to leave intermediate strips uncolored (as I always do on my maps).

The article as it stands is such a valuable contribution to recorded knowledge of the Yokuts that anthropologists must always be thankful to you for it, at the same time hoping that you will give us more.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

March 29, 1927

Mr. Francis P. Farquhar
114 Sansom Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Farquhar:

The Chronicle man to whom you gave my review of Mrs. Mott's Spanish and Indian names failed to send me any copies of the paper. Mrs. Sanchez, author of a rival book, wrote me that she saw the review in the Chronicle of March 6. Can you not prod the man to whom you gave it and ask him to send me for my files at least two copies of the page on which it is printed?

The last number of the Sierra Club Bulletin is very rich in material owing in no small degree to the editorial time you gave to it. But in Ansel Hall's article on Mt. Shasta, the second paragraph on page 253 contains the time honored error in regard to the location of Mt. Shasta. Is it not a pity that a foot-note was not added calling attention to the correction as published by me in the November number of the Proceedings of the Washington Academy of Sciences?

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

April 1, 1927.

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed is my expense account for the month of March amounting to $35.12, along with the batch of vouchers as entered below. Kindly pay from the Harriman fund and oblige

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Remington Typewriter Company, 1 second-hand Remington typewriter #10-R082346	$45.00
Mrs. Mabel P. Hollister, assistant	150.00
Miss Barbara Hastings, assistant	53.33
Miss Zenaida Merriam, assistant	84.00
Miss Stella Randolph, stenographer-assistant	150.00

C. Hart Merriam

1919 - 16th St., Washington, D.C.

Expense a/c for March 1927

2	Carro tape .21; pins, .05; photo corners .20; thread .10			56
2	Barber & Ross, sharpening steel erasers and scissors 2.65; punch .20		2	85
3	Rockville Herald for 1927	1	2	00
3	Andrews Paper Co., 100 manila envelopes .80; 25 carbon sheets 1.00	2	1	80
11	Terrill's 'The American Indian'		3	70
14	Allen's Press Clipping Bureau, clippings for Feb.	3	3	00
15	Les Langues du Monde, A. Meillet & Marcel Cohen		5	34
15	Art Metal Company, 12 steel labelholders	4	1	80
22	American Society Medical Progress for 1927		2	00
23	London Field of April 15, 1926			35
	Cleaning office rooms, month of March	5	4	00
	Carfares for errands		1	00
	Postage		2	20
	Washington Gas Light Co., Gas for March 25-Feb. 25 $8.00 (1/3 of $8.)	6	2	66
	Potomac Electric Power Co. Electricity Feb. 17-March 19 $5.58 (1/3 of $5.58)	7	1	86
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C. Hart Merriam

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April 2, 1927

Mr. Pompeo Martinelli
Lagunitas, California

Dear Mr. Martinelli:

Thanks for your letter of March 24 just received. We are very glad to hear from you and to know that the place is in pretty good shape except for the leak over the fireplace. Glad also that you have had plenty of rain so it will be a good year.

I don't understand about the three busted pipes in the orchard as I drained the pipes completely, venting them from the top spigot so all the water ran out. I shall be glad if you will kindly get Mr. Fiore to do what is necessary to put them in proper order again.

You forgot to say anything about the road. We have been wondering whether the contractor had finished it from Whites Hill to Lagunitas.

You and your family will be interested to know that our daughter Dorothy is here with her two children and that we are expecting to take them with us by automobile to Lagunitas.

With best wishes to you all

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 2, 1927

Miss Alida C. Bowler
1125 East Harvard Street
Glendale, California

Dear Miss Bowler:

Thanks for your letter of March 26, although it contains very sad news. I regret exceedingly to learn that you are leaving the Indian Defense Association, although I rejoice with you that you have secured so important a position. It is as encouraging as it is infrequent to receive, unsolicited and unknown to oneself, such a high position as that of Director of Public Relations in such a fine city as Los Angeles -- the more so since it is a recognition of training and service.

Another good job you put over was getting the Governor and State Board of Control to provide for two special health nurses for work among the Indians. This should soften our disappointment over the failure of Congress to do anything for California Indians last winter.

I am glad you took the trouble to write such a full and explanatory letter to the Chico Enterprise, and that they published it. Mine was too severe and they did not print it.

I am filing your Glendale address and when next in Los Angeles will surely hunt you up.

With best wishes and congratulations

Very truly yours,

April 5, 1927.

Mr. Fred Lockley
1243 East Stark Street
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for Book List No. 203 just received. It mentions two books which I shall be glad to purchase if not already sold, namely:

Maj. Howard Egan, 1917, Pioneering the West, 1846-78, $3.00

H. T. and Louise Valejo Emperan, Mission Presidio and Pueblo Sonoma, 1845, $1.50

Very truly yours,

C. Hall Thurston

April 9, 1927.

Prof. and Mrs. George H. Taylor
327 Harrison Apartments
Oakland, California

Dear Professor and Mrs. Taylor:

As I wrote you about Christmas time we were disappointed in the expected visit of our daughter Dorothy, as she was obliged to postpone her visit until spring. She came a few days ago and when I asked her to copy the To-ve-mah music, which you so kindly wrote for me many years ago, she replied that she was very willing to do the job but thought it would be much more accurate if photostated. This had not occurred to me before, as I am naturally stupid. But acting on her suggestion I have just had it photostated and am sending you herewith two copies which were made only this morning.

We hope to drive to California rather early this year and expect to take the entire family -- Mrs. Merriam, both daughters, and both grandchildren -- so you see we shall have a fairly full car.

With best wishes to you all

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam.

Came by Via mail; to come by letter mail - as you will surely get one if not both.

April 9, 1927

Mr Jesse Lee Bennett, Editor
The Morning World
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 4th instant I regret to say that it will be impossible for me to write the review you wish of Maynard Shipley's forthcoming book, The War on Modern Science.

I am an old man and work slowly, and am buried in the preparation of volumes on Indian Mythology and other subjects.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 12, 1927

Mr. L. A. R. Peckinpah
Yountville, California

Dear Sir:

Some years ago I purchased several of your Indian photographs. They are now badly faded and I should be glad to replace them by new prints if you are still in the business.

I think they were taken at a 'Big Cry', at or near North Fork. The labels on the back of the mounted prints are: 'Some of the 400', 'Cooking cakes on hot rocks at the Big Cry', 'Packing to leave (the Big Cry)'. They are not dated, but probably you can supply the date.

There are two others which I am not sure were from you. One shows an Indian woman with a baby in the regular papoose basket on her back, and a small child near by holding a pole. Still another is a woman sitting on the edge of an open slope (apparently rock) with two baskets by her side.

I should be very glad to purchase unmounted prints of all of these; and in case you can supply them, would ask if you will allow me the privilege of reproduction, giving you credit of course(immediately under the photograph) when I come to treat of the tribe to which they belong.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 15, 1927

Dr. Charles L. Camp
Department of Geology, University
Berkeley, California

My dear Doctor Camp:

On receipt of your letter (undated) I immediately took my photostat copy (black negative) of Gibbs' map of Northern California to the Columbia Planograph Company of this city and had positive prints made therefrom, one of which I am sending you herewith.

As I wrote you before, the photostat negative (black) which I got from the Indian Office some years ago is indistinct and utterly unsuited to direct reproduction. What we need is a good photograph of the original, somewhat enlarged.

If you publish the map reduced, most of the names will be illegible. Few things are more exasperating than maps on which the names can not be read.

I am able to read every name on the map and there are only two which are not familiar. One of these is Bestoils, situated apparently at the head of South Fork Salmon River; the other is Barisa's on Russian River between Geyserville and Healdsburg -- evidently a ranch. If you are in doubt about any of the names, or the present equivalents, I shall be glad to give you the names by which they are now known. I am wiring you that the map is in today's mail so you will know when to expect i

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

TELEGRAM

April 15, 1927.

Dr. Charles L. Camp
Department of Geology, University
Berkeley, California

GIBBS MAP GOES TO YOU BY TODAYS AIR MAIL

C. Hart Merriam

April 20, 1927

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens
1250 Bay Street
Alameda, California

Dear Doctor Stephens:

Your letter of the 10th instant gave us much joy. It is good that you are coming here in May and still better that you are going to have that splendid trip abroad with other members of the A.M.A. The delights of the journey and the freedom from the exacting daily routine of your office and hospital work will do you much good I am sure.

Our daughter Dorothy has been here for the past three weeks with her two children and has just returned to Cambridge. We are expecting to take them with us to Lagunitas in our American-Six car, starting the last week in May, and shall look forward to seeing you all at Lagunitas after your return.

I am planning a very active field season and expect more freedom than heretofore, for having two cars there will enable me to go and come independently of family affairs. Incidentally it will not prove an inconvenience to have three fairly experienced drivers!

You will of course give us the joy of making your headquarters with us during your visit. The house is likely

to be somewhat dismantled, especially in the way of Navaho blankets and other hangings, but there are plenty of beds and we are looking forward to the joy of having you.

With love from us all to all of you

As ever,

Wm. Ferrier

April 20, 1927

Mr. Charles L. Stewart
2726 Folsom Street
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr. Stewart:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant, would say that I have just mailed you for Mr. Stuhl another copy of my recent publication on the Origin of the name 'Shasta'.

Unfortunately I can not at present help you in the matter of the names of glaciers given by Major Powell some years ago. Whether or not Major Powell climbed to the summit of Shasta I do not know, but I do know that he did some work with the Wintoon Indians which was never published.

It does not seem probable that the names given by Powell were Wintoon names for these same glaciers, but more likely that they were Wintoon words which seem to apply. I have worked a good deal with the Northern Wintoon, from whom I have obtained an extensive vocabulary, but as it has not yet been put into dictionary form it is a big job to find the right words.

Doubtless you are familiar with an early publication of the National Geographic Society, entitled 'Mount Shasta -- a Typical Volcano' by J. S. Dillar(National Geographic Monographs, Vol. 1, No. 8, Oct. 1895).

Regretting that I can not at present give you more information

Very truly yours,

April 25, 1927.

Mr. William Fuller
Soulsbyville, California

My dear Mr. Fuller:

Your letter of April 4 came duly and would have been answered earlier except for the fact that I have been extremely busy with other matters.

I am glad you sent me Collett's letter of March 25, addressed to the Auxillary Officers and Committeemen, Indian Board of Cooperation. This shows about where he stands and what he claims, and shows also that he is still soliciting money from you California Indians.

I can not see that he has any excuse for taking your money, or that there is any reason why he should continue to visit Washington at your expense.

He speaks of the "Court of Claims Bill as it stood before the Congress recently closed," and says that it is "in every respect the most generous and welldrawn bill that has ever been considered." Whether or not this was intended to imply that he was instrumental in drawing up the Bill I do not know, but I have been told, and believe it to be true, that the Bill was drawn by the Indian Office with the

cooperation of John Collier, Secretary of the Indian Defense Association, and that neither Collett nor Lea had seen it until after it was written. It was given to Mr. Lea who at once introduced it in Congress (on January 6, 1927). This Bill (copy enclosed) provides for a payment of $2.50 per acre for the Reservation lands set aside by the Indian Commissioners in 1851 and 1852.

But soon after the Bill was printed the Commissioner of Indian Affairs decided that $2.50 per acre was too high, and would not recommend the passage of the Bill unless the amount was cut in half (namely to $1.25 per acre). This means that after the offsets of the Indian Office are deducted, it is doubtful if any money would be coming to the Indians. The Bill therefore was dropped, and, if I am correctly informed, was not considered by either the House or Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

In the third paragraph, every sentence after the first one begins with the word 'We'. Who is 'We'?

The fourth paragraph relates to a provision for cooperation by the State of California, including the employment of lawyers. An important statement in the same paragraph begins with the same word 'We'. As a matter of fact the cooperation mentioned was suggested and accomplished by the Indian Defense Association without any assistance from either Collett or any other person connected with his "Board of Cooperation".

The second page of the letter is a reiterated plea for more money. "We must have funds," he says. Here again I

suppose 'We' means "I, Collett."

It is the same old story, the same thing that has been going on for a number of years, as you well know. I do not wonder that you Indians are getting tired of it. For my part I do not see any reason why any Indian should pay Collett's expenses to and from Washington; nor why he should come here at all; nor why any Indian or band of Indians should pay him anything for any purpose. Has he not bled you enough already?

I expect to go to California about the end of May and will try to see you during the summer. I should be very glad to know what is done at your big meeting at Ione on May 6 to 8.

With kind regards to Mrs. Fuller and others of your people

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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[Night letter.] April 25, 1927.

Dr. Charles L. Camp, University, Berkeley, Calif.
No objection to publication of northwest part of Gibbs' map.

C. Hart Merriam

April 28, 1927.

Prof. J. McKeen Cattell
3941 Grand Central Terminal
New York City

Dear Professor Cattell:

The May number of the Scientific Monthly contains an admirable portrait of Dall. I am wondering whether it would be practicable to have prints of this inserted in the separates of my notice of Dall, printed in Science of April 8, separates of which have not yet been received. I should be glad to pay the additional expense.

During the recent meeting of the National Academy I was sorry to see you only at a distance.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 2, 1927.

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed herewith is my expense account for the month of April, amounting to $39.44, and vouchers as entered below, all of which kindly pay from the Harriman Fund and oblige.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Kindly send a batch of blank vouchers with second sheets.

Yawman and Erbe:			
1 four drawer steel file case	$59.00		
100 metal-tip guides	12.80		
100 paper guides	2.00	73.80	
Stella Randolph, stenographer		150.00	
Mrs. Mabel P. Hollister, assistant		150.00	
Miss Barbara Hastings, assistant		100.00	
Miss Zenaida Merriam, assistant		46.00	

C. Hart Merriam

1919 - 16th Street, Washington, D.C.

1927				
April 4	Fred Lockley, Books: Great Klamath Basin $3.; Egan's 'Pioneering the West' $3.; Sonoma Pueblo $1.50		7	50
8	Expressage on above books			63
9	Allen's Press clippings for March	1	3	00
	Arthur H. Allen, Photostats of Kotumut Ceremony music	2	11	25
14	Columbia Planograph Co., 5 Photostat copies Gibbs Map Northern Calif. 1851	3	5	00
15	Telegram, and map by air mail, to C.L.Camp, Berkeley, Calif		1	40
				20
20	2 spools thread $.10; 2 pencils $.10	4	1	86
	Electric current, March 19-April 16 $5.58 (1/3, 5.58)	5	3	03
	Gas, March 25-April 25 $9.10 (1/3 of 9.10)	6	4	00
	Cleaning office rooms, month of April			57
	Postage		1	00
	Carfares, office errands			
			39	44

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C. Hart Merriam
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May 2, 1927.

Dr. F. W. Hodge
Heye Museum, American Indian
Broadway at 155 Street
New York City

Dear Doctor Hodge:

On looking over the last number of 'Indian Notes' (Vol.4, No. 2) received a couple of weeks ago but not read until today, I find an interesting note entitled 'A Pomo Headdress' by William C. Orchard. It contains an error which you would probably be glad to correct. The Soaproot mentioned on page 173 is given as Yucca glauca. No species of Yucca occurs in middle or northern California, and the Botanical name of the Soaproot in question is Chlorogalum pomeridianum.

The designation Pomo is rather vague since the tribes of this linguistic stock are spread over a considerable area and ~~they~~ speak several quite different dialects. The name of the tribe is not given, but the man William Benson mentioned on page 171 as having made the beautiful headdress shown on the next page is well known to me. He is a member of the Ku'-lă-nap'-po tribe, whose territory was Big Valley on the south side of the main part of Clear Lake. Benson now lives with the remnant of the Yo-ki'-ah tribe in

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Russian River Valley.

Santa Inez baskets are mighty rare, for which reason I am pleased to see the photograph of the one published on page 187.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

The Indian Notes always contain so much of interest that I look forward to the coming of the next number.

May 2, 1927

Dear Dr Hodge:

In writing you this morning I was irterrupted and forgot to call your attention to the statement on page 142 of the last issue of Indian Notes that the 'seeds' on the apron dargles are "juniper seeds". Junipers do not grow anywhere in northwestern California.

Most of the aprons examined by me have strings of sugar pine nuts more or less mixt with shells.

Don't think I am trying to be too critical; but I do feel that ethnologists ought to be more careful in speaking of animals and plants.

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

Dr F. W. Hodge
Heye Museum, New York

May 5, 1927

Mr. Daniel H. Newhall
100 East 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Sir:

From your Catalogue 248 kindly send me No. 257, 'Pasadena, Historical and Personal' by J. W. Wood, 1917, for which I am enclosing check for $3.50.

Very truly yours,

C.

May 6, 1927

Mr. Joseph Mailliard
California Academy Sciences
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Mailliard:

More than a month ago I received your polite request for personal photographs. Similar requests have come to hand from the National Academy of Sciences, the Philadelphia Academy and several others, but have not yet been attended to. However if I am able to find either the time or the pictures they may go yet.

Your admirable paper on the 'Birds and Mammals of Modoc County' has just arrived and in glancing through it I find much of interest. You certainly have done a lot of good work in that county; but why are you so silent as to Big Valley which you must have traversed several times and in which I have done a good deal of work during the past few years?

On page 335, why do you insult the innocent little lead colored Bush Tit by calling it a Hemotine? I confess I do not know the meaning of this word, but it must be something dreadful!

I am interested that you found Mountain Bluebirds abundant in Surprise Valley in fall. I have had the same experience in Big Valley and to a lesser extent in Fall River Valley.

What is Grinnell's Aphelocoma californica immanis? I never heard of it before. Nevertheless I have been seriously disturbed by my inability to determine positively whether the uncrested jays of the desert areas in Lassen and Modoc Counties were californica or woodhousei. Seen in the field they look to me much more like the latter than the former. I had hoped you would have specimens to prove which form is the breeding bird from Susanville north.

Your printer has recorded the Douglas Ground Squirrel as a sub-species of grammurus. What authority did he have for this, and can he cite any locality where intergrades may be found?

I am glad to know that you found the Antelope Ground Squirrel in Surprise Valley. I did not happen to see it there, but have found it a little farther east in the Pyramid Lake region; also on Promontory, Utah.

But the saddest thing in your whole paper is the absence of any mention of the White-tail Deer, which I regret to see is not even entered in your Hypothetical list. That it was formerly a resident in northeast California there can be no manner of doubt. I have seen horns from Hat Creek and have been told repeatedly by settlers of its occurrence at various places from Susanville north to Oregon.

I congratulate you on the value of this, your most recent contribution. Hoping to see you before long

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

May 6, 1927.

Mr. Francis P. Farquhar
114 Sansom Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Farquhar:

Referring to your letter of April 19, I take pleasure in sending you another copy of my article on 'The Origin and misplacement of the name Mt. Shasta'.

No copies of my review of Mrs. Mott's book have ever been received, either from the reporter or from The Chronicle direct, although I wrote The Chronicle asking for them a long time ago. The Smithsonian Postmaster tells me that he has not received them either.

It is good to know that you are at work on Professor Brewer's Journal. It certainly will be of much interest.

I regret to say that I have not yet found the old photographs of Whitney Survey people which I thought I could put my hands on when you were here. My daughter and I have looked everywhere we could think of without result. It is possible that I gave the photos to the Smithsonian some years ago, as they were collecting pictures of this sort.

I expect to drive to California with my entire family (including children and grandchildren) the latter part of this month.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 6, 1927.

Mr. Kermit Roosevelt, Secretary
Boone and Crockett Club
16 Beaver Street
New York City

My dear Mr. Roosevelt:

Replying to your recent letter asking about hunting trips made during the past year and in contemplation for the present year, would say that while I am doing a good deal of active field work in California and Nevada, I am not making any hunting trips.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 6, 1927.

Prof. J. McK. Cattell
Garrison-on-Hudson
New York

Dear Professor Cattell:

Thanks for your of May 2. The separates of my article on Dall came too late to have the portrait inserted. But if you will kindly have a hundred copies struck off as a plate I will have them inserted before distributing the separates.

As the bill for the separates has not yet been received it would be convenient if the bill for the portrait were added.

Apologizing for troubling you with the matter

Very truly yours,

C.

May 6, 1927

Dr. John Collier
Indian Defense Association
Mill Valley, California

Dear Doctor Collier:

Your invitation to be present at the lunch at the Clift Hotel on May 4 arrived yesterday. Sorry to have missed the meeting.

Hope to arrive at Lagunitas first week in June.

Very truly yours,

May 9, 1927.

Dr. Charles L. Camp
University
Berkeley, California

My dear Doctor Camp:

Your letter of the 4th instant together with print of the northern part of Gibbs map, sent by air mail, arrived today and will be sent back by air mail immediately. You made the mistake of addressing me at the Smithsonian instead of at the address printed on my letterheads, thus causing a delay of at least two days.

The reproduction of the map is certainly disappointing, the majority of the names being utterly illegible to anyone not familiar with them, as of course you must be aware.

If you care nothing for the names, but merely for the trails, the result is not so bad, though some of them are mighty indistinct, especially the one running up Indian Creek from Happy Camp and the one from Big Bottom to Scotts Bar and Scotts River.

Replying to your questions as to certain names: Bastoil is perfectly plain on the original. "Sams Peak" certainly is not Sams Peak. The last letter (between s's), which I take to be 'o', falls on a reservation line and is indistinct in

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my original photostat. It might be either 'e' or 'o'.

The only way I think of to make the names on this map clearly legible would be to photograph the map up to double its present size and strengthen the letters so that they would be perfectly clear and unmistakable. Then reduct it to the size required by your page.

Trusting that this will reach you more promptly than your came to me, and with best wishes

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 11, 1927.

Virginia Paper Company, Inc.
933 D Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Please send me at the above address, with bill enclosed, 5000 sheets of Munising Bond like the attached sample in quality and size.

Very truly yours,

C. Hall Thurlow

Read KL

May 11, 1927.

Jones and Van Doran, Inc.
800 Eighth Avenue
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Your interesting catalogue of field equipment with special reference to runningboard tanks or canteens, mentioned in your postal of April 21, has failed to reach me.

As I am leaving for California in the near future it will be of no use unless it comes at once.

Very truly yours,

C. Hall Thurlow

May 18, 1927.

Dr. Ch. Wardell Stiles
Hygienic Laboratory
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Stiles:

Thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of Science for February 25 containing your interesting article on 'Underlying Factors in the Confusion in Zoological Nomenclature' in which you made a pleasingly complimentary mention of me in connection with an early discussion, which I had entirely forgotten.

I evidently overlooked this article when it appeared, and as I cut up each number of Science on its arrival (in order to file the papers in which I am interested so that I can find them afterward) I was unable to refer to it again; and after you called my attention to it, had intended to look it up in the Library of Congress but have been too busy. I appreciate your courtesy in the matter.

This morning's mail has brought me your rather elaborate paper on 'The Nomenclature for Man, the Chimpanze, the Orang-utan, and the Barbary Ape.' The pictures are most entertaining and I look forward with interest to an examination of the text. Obviously you have done a big job and one that will be of real service to mammalogists whether or not they are interested in the nomenclature.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 18, 1927.

My dear Mrs. Sunderland:

Your letter of April 23 struck me as most encouraging and I have no doubt that the report from Mr. Keeley will be entirely satisfactory.

I am late in getting off for California and shall not start much before the end of the month. But when I visit Happy Camp I shall be very glad to interview Old Indian Henry and Nicholas Effman. Some years ago I did some work with Effman.

Don't think of the matter of cost. I will attend to that

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. J. N. Sunderland
1620 R Street
Washington, D. C.

May 18, 1927.

Mr. E. I. Garrett
Puget Sound Machinery Depot
322-324 First Avenue South
Seattle, Washington

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for the information concerning Alaska Peninsula bears in your letter of April 17, and also for the photograph of your giant bear Pavloff. He certainly was a monster.

You certainly were most fortunate in seeing such an extraordinary number of big bears. It is good to know that they are holding their own if not actually on the increase. Four cubs, as you say, is a very unusual number, particularly as you speak of them as "little cubs" implying that they were of the same litter. It is not unusual to see cubs of two litters with the mother at the same time, but that of course is another matter.

Apparently the salmon were not running at the time of your hunt as all of your bears had been living on grass.

You were good enough to say you were going to send me the two larger skulls for examination and return. As they have not yet arrived and as I am leaving for California in the near future, please do not send them until my return

in the fall. I shall be glad to see them and will return them promptly of course.

Some of our skulls of Ursus gyas from Pavloff are very large and massive and differ in certain characters from the usual run of big bears from the Peninsula. If sufficiently isolated they might develop into a subspecies.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 18, 1927.

Col. George W. Stewart
Visalia, California

Dear Colonel Stewart:

Your letter of April 11 was very welcome, and I wish to thank you also for your kindness in getting your friend to send me an extra copy of the Sierra Bulletin containing your Yokut article.

As to the northern limit of the Yokut tribes in San Joaquin Valley: It seems to be well established that the boundary between the northernmost Yokut tribe (Chukchanse) and the southernmost Mewan Tribe was Fresno River.

As to the occurrence of Yokuts on the coast I am still skeptical. The term 'coast', as you know, is used in a very loose way by early writers [as well as by many present day writers] including a very broad strip. And the excursions of the Yokuts in pursuit of horses after the arrival of the common enemy, the Spaniards, can hardly be regarded as furnishing any trustworthy clew to the normal westward extension of these Indians.

And furthermore, it is well known that tribes belonging to inland stocks almost invariably had myths

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relating to the ocean or to a flood. However this is too big a subject to discuss in a letter.

I am planning to start for California with Mrs. Merriam and both of our daughters and our grandchildren about the end of the month and hope to drive to Lagunitas inside of two weeks.

With best wishes to you all

As ever yours

C. Hart Merriam

May 18, 1927.

Rev. Bayard H. Jones
209 Third Street
Watsonville, California

Dear Mr. Jones:

Thanks for your letter of April 29, which interests me much for we both are of the same opinion.

For many years I have felt that it would be a fine thing for anthropology if Colonel Stewart could devote his time to the Indians with whom he has been so long familiar. The difficulty, which unfortunately seems insurmountable, is in the way of obtaining funds for the work.

Here in Washington both the Smithsonian and Carnegie Institutions are greatly handicapped for funds necessary in carrying out the work already in hand; and in the case of my particular fund, I have been obliged to give up my office and transfer operations to my home, much to the inconvenience of the family. As to opportunities elsewhere, I am not informed. But from the numerous and sometimes appaling errors published by some of the young men who work in your state I feel that you have hit the nail on the head in your remark about the "unproved ability" of certain untrained investigators whose writings are already in print.

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In closing I wish merely to add my deep regret that I do not personally know of any way to accomplish what we know would result in great good.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Jones

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 18, 1927.

Mr. Stephen Knight
Ukiah, California

Dear Mr. Knight:

Your letter in reply to my inquiry about the Komle was very much appreciated and I thank you for your trouble in the matter. I would have written before but have been overwhelmed with work and shall not be able to get off until about the end of the month.

I hope you attended the big meeting at Ione. Fuller wrote me that there was to be such a meeting early in May and I wish I might have been there.

I am expecting to drive across with my entire family and hope to see you sometime in June.

With best wishes to yourself and family

As ever yours

C. H. [illegible]

May 18, 1927.

Dr. C. G. Abbot, Acting Secretary
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Abbot:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant I regret to say that I do not think of the title of any article which seems suitable for the Appendix to the Smithsonian Report for the current year.

I am so busy and so behindhand with my own work that I have very little time for reading and do not remember having seen anything along my lines that would be suitable.

Very truly yours,

S. H. [illegible]

May 18, 1927.

Mr. F. F. Latta
Tulare, California

Dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your kindness in sending me, at the request of George W. Stewart of Visalia, a copy of the last Sierra Club Bulletin containing his article on Yokut Indians.

Very truly yours,

May 20, 1927.

Mr. Nelson H. Kent
2122 H Street
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kent:

Herewith I am sending you a small batch of negatives (18) from which I shall be obliged if you will kindly make enlargements, 2 glossy prints each for reproduction, 6 or 7 inches in greatest length.

Am enclosing also 8 faded prints of Indian subjects which if you think worth while, please rephotograph and make 2 glossy prints each.

Am sorry not to have been able to get these to you sooner but have been much rushed. If you can finish the work during the coming week I shall be obliged as I am leaving for California about the end of the month.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 23, 1927.

Jones and Van Doren
100 Eighth Avenue,
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Your new Campolog arrived this morning for which I am obliged.

We have been obliged to put off starting for California until the last day of the month. There is time therefore for you to send me the Emergency cabinet figured on the top of page 45.

I assume that this cabinet can be attached to the running-board by means of a couple of flush bolts with holes drilled through the bottom of the case and runningboard. On this assumption I am enclosing my check for $10.95.

Please send by express at once, addressed to me at 1919 - 16th Street, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. H. [illegible]

Original Defective

May 23, 1927.

Publisher
Science and Scientific Monthly
Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Kindly change my mailing address for the summer, for both Science and the Scientific Monthly, beginning with the next issue, from '1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C.' to 'Lagunitas, Marin County, California,' returning to the old address the 1st of October.

Very truly yours,

Similar letter to:

- American Forestry, 1523 L Street, Washington, D. C.
- American Motorist, Mills Building, 17th and Pa. Ave., Washington, D. C.
- Calif. Out-of-Doors, Tamalpais Conservation Club, 317 Flood Bldg., San Francisco, Calif.
- Field and Stream, 24 W. 45th St., New York City
- Literary Digest, 354 Fourth Ave., New York City
- Motor Land, 1628 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, Calif.
- National Geographic Magazine, Sixteenth St., Washington
- Nature Magazine, 1918 Hartford Avenue, Baltimore, Md.
- Outdoor Life, 1824 Curtis St., Denver, Colo.
- Outlook, 381 Fourth Avenue, New York City
- Boonville Herald, Boonville, New York

- Science and Scientific Monthly, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

May 25, 1927.

Dear Miss Lockwood:

You were very thoughtful to send me that clipping and I was glad to have it. Should have acknowledged the same long ago but for the accident of mislaying your letter with address.

We are returning to California in the near future.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

Miss Martha Lockwood
645 Leavenworth Street
San Francisco, California

May 25, 1927.

Miss Elizabeth G. Fries
American Automobile Association
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Fries:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in regard to my insurance. In compliance with your suggestion I am returning the application herewith.

If the policy goes through all right, kindly send it to me at my summer home, Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

May 25, 1927

Dear Arch:

You were right. That bunch of bugs you sent would be a most tempting mouthful -- but not for us.

Judging from the flowers on the Tulip trees in front of our house, your days of stoking the new Franklin must be over for the present. But you forgot to tell us about the present condition of Lagunitas roads.

Hope your one-hundred million dollars worth of improvements are well along and giving proper returns, but I fail to appreciate the advantage of shorter wave lengths. All kinds of waves are bad enough. I don't see that it makes much difference whether they are longer or a little shorter. They are all wet just the same.

A line came from Ange to Z. a few minutes ago announcing that she had lost her tonsils and was feeling fine. We trust that the loss will result in the usual advantages which are many and usually permanent.

Sorry you did not connect with Aplodontia. He must live in your neighborhood as he has established colonies in several places along the west side of Inverness Ridge.

A.M.G.

You may both be interested to know that the Washington branch of the Merriam family intends to pull out for California next week -- all six of us and all in our old American Six, so if all goes well you can send your next to Lagunitas.

With love from all of us to you both, and kind regards to Mrs. Howver

As ever,

Mr. Arch M. Gilbert
Bolinas, California

May 27, 1927

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Next week I expect to start for California and shall be much obliged if you will kindly send me the usual advance of $500 (five hundred dollars) from the Harriman fund for field work. S

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Recd.

May 27, 1927.

Cashier
Crocker First National Bank
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing my check on the National Metropolitan Bank of this city for $600. which kindly place to credit of my account. Please send acknowledgment to me at Lagunitas, Marin County, which will be my address for several months.

Very truly yours,
C. Hoeck Mercier

May 28, 1927.

Mr. Nelson H. Kent
2122 H Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kent:

That last batch of photographs is a good example of the perfection to which a professional may attain after long practice. The prints are simply perfect. I am delighted with them and wish to thank you for the pains you took with them.

A check in payment will be sent you from the Smithsonian very early in the month.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

May 28, 1927

Mr. P. Martinelli
Lagunitas, California

Dear Mr. Martinelli:

Again we have been delayed, but we shall get off early Friday morning, June 3, and should reach Lagunitas on or about the middle of the month.

We are hoping that the storms which have troubled so many parts of the country for so long are now over so that we may not be delayed on the way.

Mrs. Merriam and Zeniada join in kindest regards to you all. Hoping to see you soon

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

May 28, 1927.

Mr. C. O. Durbaum
San Anselmo, California

My dear Sir:

We are starting for California by auto on the morning of June 3 and hope to reach Lagunitas on or about the middle of the month.

I shall be obliged therefore if you will put our Dodge car in good condition for the road.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 2, 1927

Washington Gas Light Co.
411 Tenth Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Today I am closing my house -- 1919 Sixteenth Street for the season and do not expect to return until October.

I have turned off the gas, where it comes in from the street, just before reaching the meter. No gas should be used in the house until my return.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

Identical letter sent June 20, 1930

June 3, 1927.

Potomac Electric Power Co.
Fourteenth and C Streets
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Today I am closing my house -- 1919 Sixteenth Street -- for the season, and do not expect to return until October.

I have turned off the electric current at the main switch in the basement under the stone steps at the front of the house, and no current should be used until my return.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

Identical letter sent June 20, 1930

June 3, 1927.

Chief of Police
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Today I am closing my house -- 1919 Sixteenth Street -- for the season, and do not expect to return until some time in October. I shall be obliged if you will kindly have your patrolman keep an eye on the house from time to time as they pass.

Should anything occur to require attention, please notify Mr. or Mrs. Vernon Bailey, 1834 Kalorama Road, or Mrs. Marian Baker, 1905 Sixteenth Street, or if they are away, Dr. A. K. Fisher, Biological Survey.

My address until October will be Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

Similar letter sent June 20, 1930 (without 2nd paragraph)
" " " " " " to 8th Precinct.
(referring to NW Talbot)

June 3, 1927.

Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

We are closing our house -- 1919 Sixteenth Street -- today, and do not expect it to be reoccupied before October.

I shall be obliged therefore if you will discontinue the phone until further notice.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

Identical letter sent June 20, 1930

June 3, 1927.

Water Department
Municipal Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I have today closed my house -- 1919 Sixteenth Street -- for the remainder of the summer, and have turned off the water where it enters the house. No water should be used in the house until my return in October.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

Identical letter sent June 20, 1930

May 28, 1927

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith I am handing you my expense account for the month of May, amounting to $62.87, together with accompanying vouchers listed below, which kindly pay from the Harriman Fund as usual.

Mrs Hollister, N.H. Kent

Checks for Miss Randolph and Miss Hastings should be sent to the addresses given below.

I have spent nearly $400. personally in fitting up my old car for the long trip and plan to start for California very early Friday morning, June 3. Shall be obliged if you will send future salary and account checks until further notice to me at my Lagunitas address.

With best wishes

See p. 518

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Nelson H. Kent, 2122-H St. Washington $ 16.40
Mrs. Mabel P. Hollister, Eagle River, Wis. 75.00
Miss Barbara Hastings, 1816 Kalorama Road, Washington, D. C. 100.00
Miss Stella Randolph, 834 Madison Street, Washington, D. C. 150.00
Miss Zenaida Merriam 76.00

C. Hart Merriam

1919 - 16th Street, Washington, D.C.

1927				
May 6	A. J. Olmsted, 13 photo enlargements	1	6	50
10	N. H. Kent, 10 photo prints		3	00
10	Allen's Press Clippings for April	2	3	00
14	Virginia Paper Co. 5000 sheets Munising Bond, 7 x 10	3	6	00
16	Science League, 'War on Modern Science'		3	00
19	Bottle Sanford's Flogum	4		35
19	50 stamped envelopes		1	10
20	Morrison Paper Co., 100 Manila envelopes	5	2	35
23	Science Press, 100 reprints		7	47
24	Jones & Van Doran, Auto Emergency Cabinet (oil, water and gas)	6	10	95
25	Telegram to Berkeley, Calif.			60
25	Rand McNally Auto Road Atlas, 1927			75
26	Stockett-Fiske Co, 6 leather-covered Field Journals	7	6	25
	Gas, April 25- May $7.60 (1/3 of 7.60)	8	2	53
27	Electric current, April 16-May 18 $4.27(1/3,4.27)	9	1	42
	Cleaning Office rooms, Month of May	10	4	00
	Street car fare, office errands		1	00
	Rubber bands .20; tags .10; 2 spools thread.12			42
	Field and Stream			25
	Postage on Reprints and packages		1	25
27	Expressage on tank from New York			68
			62	87

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62.87

May 28, 1927

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Here is another bill, which kindly add to those I gave you with my account this afternoon. It is for the third volume of Setons 'Lives of Game Animals of North America', $25.

The fourth and final volume is scheduled to appear next year.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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July 1, 1927

Mr John Collier, Secretary
Indian Defense Association
Mill Valley, California.

My dear Mr Collier:

Owing to my recent arrival and pressure of work here it is impracticable for me to join you in the trip to Orleans. This I greatly regret as I would give a good deal to be present at the coming meeting.

Please give my regards and best wishes to the Wilder brothers, the Maclellans, and other Indian friends, and tell them that I have confidence in the Indian Brotherhood under the guiding head of Stephen Knight, and that I intend to visit Orleans and other places along the Klamath later in the season.

If you see Mrs P. L. Young please give her my best regards.

Very truly yours,

C. Hunter Marshall

July 2, 1927

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Enclosed is my expense account for month of June, amounting to $316.33, and voucher for Zenaida Merriam, assistant, for 54 dollars, which kindly pay from the Harriman fund as usual.

We arrived at Lagunitas on June 21 after a severe and expensive drive of 19 days across the continent--3,284 miles. Last year we had fair weather and made the trip in 13½ days. This year we had storms and endless mud and detours; and two days were lost by reason of car repairs.

We passed numerous cars in trouble, saw a big truck skid into and smash a Buick sedan, and barely escaped being crushed between two big sedans that skidded and slammed together just as we slid between.

And furthermore, owing to an unprecidented amount of road building and final grading, the number of detours this year is excessive; and some of the detours are not only very sideling, slippery and bad, but are the longest ever heard of. For instence, the one from Lovelock, Nevada to Hazen measures by our odometer, 66⅔ miles, and consists of enormous mud flats--the sinks of the Humboldt and Carson Rivers.

The detour from Fort Collins, Colorado, to Laramie, Wyoming, which we plowed through soft mud in a pouring rain, was one of the most dangerous. A number of cars gave up and sat it out all night rather than risk upsetting.

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In crossing the Great Salt Lake Desert by way of the Wendover cutoff we had to change a tire, and drove all night till 3 in the morning to reach Wells; and I spent the rest of the night in the car.

The expenses of the trip were correspondingly increased, particularly as to gas. Part of this was due to the blunder of a garage man at Denver who transposed the wires of the carburetor so that when the choke was pulled out for starting, the gas was cut off and we could hardly start at all--and did'nt know what the trouble was; and when we shut down the choke for driving we flooded the engine with gas and sputtered and spit and had a dreadful time till finally we found a man who knew enough to locate the trouble and remedy it.

We were caught in one cloudburst and saw many small buildings floated off or upset--one lodging across a railroad track--with many houses standing in water up to the first story windows.

This seems to have been the worst season since 1913, when we drove to California for the first time. We wonder if Dr. Abbot's Sun spots had anything to do with it!

But in spite of the weather and the roads we were able to locate a number of points along the belts of faunal changes of mammals, birds, and plants.

Since arriving at Lagunitas I have already recieved two urgent calls from Indians to came to their meetings--one on Klamath River in NW California; the other from the Pit River country in the NE part of the state.

Very truly yours,

Dr. C.Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin Co., California.

Expense Account for June 1927.

1927					
May 27	E. Morrison Paper Co., 100 9 12 OS Envelopes	0		2	00
	Wrapping paper 30; tags 10				40
June 1	Creel Bros., Work& parts, Carburator& Vacuum tank	1		12	85
2	7 gals.gas 1.96; lunch 50; dinner Summit Hotel 1.25			3	71
3	Room Summit Hotel, Pa. (near Uniontown)	2		2	50
4	Garage 1;vulcanizing tire 1.50; 18 gals gas4.78			7	28
	grease .50; meals 2.50; work on car, washingtonPa.1			4	00
5	Highland Lodge,Ohio 1; storage.25; carburator .50			1	75
	17 gals gas 3.43; meals 2.75			6	18
6	Arlington Hotel, Richmond, Ind. 2.50	3		2	50
	car storage & grease .75;vulc. tire 1; meals 2.50			4	25
	change oil 2.40; 19 gals gas 3.66			6	06
7	Room, Hotel Benwood, Effingham, Ill.	4		2	50
	storage .50; tire vulc. 1.50;19 gals gas 3.58			5	58
	toll,St.Charles Mo. .50; meals 2.50			3	00
8	Room, Gregory Inn, Mineola,Mo. 1.50; storage .50			2	00
	oil changed at Concordia 2.40; grease .30; vulc. 75			3	45
	protector 1.50; 22 gals gas 4.03; meals 1.50			7	03
9	Tanganoxie Kan., Myers Hotel, supper lodging & breakfast2.50	5		2	50
	storage .50; alemiting 1; ignition 1;			2	50
	25 gals gas 4.32; lunch & dinner 1.75			6	07
10	Room, Robson Hotel, Ellsworth, Kan.	6		1	75
	storage .50; tire vulc. 1; 15½ gals gas 2.74			4	24
	meals 2.50			2	50
	Wakeeney, Kan.. new tire tube	7		4	00
11	Room O'Pelt Hotel,Colby,Kan. 2.50; storage.50;			3	00
	chg.oil 2.30; adjusting br[illegible] & steering wheel 1.50			3	80
	27½ gals gas 5.00; meals 2.50			7	50
12& 13	Denver Colo., Shirley-Savoy Hotel (2 nights)	8		8	50
	storage .50; taxi(car broke down)1.50; meals 5.75			7	75
13	Hughes Auto Service:labor & parts(Attwater-Kent distributor)	9		17	75
	16½ gals gas 3.33; tire .50			3	83
14	Room Hotel Conner,Laramie 3; storage .50; meals 2.50			6	00
	chg. oil Ft.Steele 2.50; 30 gals gas 7.26			9	76
15	Rock Springs Wyo. Park Hotel 2.50			2	50
	" " Traher Motor Co. 6 gals gas 1.62,				
	storage .50, chains 6.50, greasing 2.25	10		10	87
	Lyman, Wyo. 15 gals gas 4.30; meals 2.			6	30
16	Evanston, Hotel Evanston, room	11		2	00
	" Trans-Continental Garage:8 gas 2.25; storage				
	.50; carburator etc 1.50; labor.75	12		5	00
	meals 2.50			2	50
17	Salt Lake City, Hotel Utah, room	13		5	00
	" " " S L Transportation Co. 11 gals gas				
	2.53; chg.oil 2.80; new tube 4.35; storage .50	14		10	18
	Hover Garage: 4 gal gas.92; labor &c on radiator6.50	15		7	42
	meals 2; 11½ gals gas(Grantville-Wendover)3.30			5	30
	tire changed .50				50
18	Wells, Nev. Toombs Garage:chg.oil 2.50;7 gals gas 1.95				
	Elko & Battle Mt. Nev. 11 gals gas 3.09; meals 1.50	16		4	45
19	Winnemucca Nev. Hotel Humboldt, room	17		4	59
	storage .50; pump packing .50; oil .25; meals 1.50			2	50
	14 gals gas 4.10			2	75
20	Reno,Nev., Menlo Hotel, room			4	10
	storage .50; 15½ gals gas 3.88; meals 2.25	18		3	00
21	Auburn, Calif., Auburn Hotel, room			6	63
	storage .50; oil chg.2.80; 18 gals gas 3.55;meals 2	19		2	50
	new inner tube (Barr tire works)	20		8	85
28	Durham Garage, San Anselmo: Storage on Field Car (Dodge)7½months 37.50; labor,oil,gas &c 8.90	21		46	40
				316	33

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Policy No G.A-12699.

July 5, 1927

Federal Reserve Life Insurance Co
Kansas City, Kansas.

Dear Sirs:

The policy No G-12699 A you sent me gives my age as 70, whereas my age this year is 71.

Furthermore, the Policy is undated and mentions no date of expiration.

I shall be obliged therefore if you will send me an attachable slip correcting my age and giving date of expiration.

Very truly yours,

They refunded my premium + declined the insurance because of my age now

Miss Elizabeth G. Fries
Am Automobile Assoc.
Washington, D.C.

July 5, 1927

My dear Miss Fries:

On arriving at my summer headquarters here at Lagunitas a few days ago, I was glad to find your letter of June 8 with accompanying insurance age extension.

Thanking you for your kind offices in the matter,

Very truly yours,

July 5, 1927

Dear Mrs Hollister:

Please pardon my delay in acknowledging your letter of long ago. You know we were greatly rushed before getting off, and a week longer than expected on the way--owing to storms, detours, slippery mud and so on. We all arrived tired but well.

Zenaida and I hope to go to Clear Lake in a few days--but it is mighty hot up there now, tho fine here at Lagunitas.

We hope you are having a restful and successful summer at the Lake.

Mrs Merriam and Zee send their love.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

MrsNed Hollister
Eagle River, Wisconsin

July 5, 1927

Dear Dr. Coville:

Appreciative thanks for your kindness in sending me extract from your report on the Botany of the Death Valley Expedition.

Owing to numerous detours, storms, slippery mud and so on we were a week late in reaching Lagunitas. The last straw was an unpremeditated detour of 66⅔ miles over the mud flats of the Sinks of the Humboldt and Carson, in order to get from Lovelock to Hazen and Reno.

Lagunitas, because of the bountiful rains of the winter and spring, is even more than usually beautiful now, and the madrones are a glory in green and gold.

With love to you all,
As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr F.V. Coville
Washington

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July 5, 1927

Dear J. C.:

Your letter of June 21 was written the very day on which we arrived at Lagunitas. We were a week longer than expected (19 days on the road)because of storms, slippery mud, and dreadful detours necessitated by a vast amount of road work.

One detour actually measured 66½ miles and was across the mud flats of the Sinks of the Humboldt and Carson, from Lovelock to Hazen,whence we had a fine road to Reno.

Elizabeth and the rest of us are greatly pleased to know that Mrs J. C. is so well. Hope we may connect with you sometime this summer.

As ever yours,

Dr John C. Merriam
Berkeley, California

July 5, 1927

Mr Jack Williams
Likely, California.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of June 3 was written the very day I left Washington. I was a long time in coming as I drove all the way, bringing both my daughters and both my grandchildren in my car. We had bad weather and long stretches of bad roads, with many detours over slippery dobe mud. One detour was 66½ miles long, crossing the big mud flats of the Humboldt and Carson Sinks.

I am going up to see you all this summer but cannot now set the date, as I have much traveling to do first. As soon as I know when I can go I will let you know.

With kind regards to all my Indian friends up there, very truly yours,

July 6,1927

Mr E.W.Ammerman, Mgr.
San Rafael District
Am Automobile Assoc.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of yesterday would say that I do not think that I have the registration certificate for my Dodge car of which you speak. My recollection is that I gave it and the original Bill of Sale to the Dodge Agent at San Rafael soon after arriving in California last August, expecting that he would purchase a California license for me. He surprised me by getting from you anon-Resident license for the remainder of the year, without cost. This was on August 28,last, and I acknowledged your courtesy in the matter by letter on September 7.

The Non-Resident Permit you sent me is No 45873 and is still pasted on the windshield. My District of Columbia license (1926) is 87-725. The engine no is m B 746012, car, Sedan no 6660 of 1926.

Beginning in 1913, the year I first drove across the continent I have driven a car under California license every summer till last year and have been a member of both the National and the California AAA continuously since 1913.

If absolutely necessary I can write to Washington for a duplicate Registration certificate for the Dodge car in 1926.

Very truly yours,

See pp. 533, 534, + 535

July 10, 1927

Motor Vehicle Department
Municipal Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Will you kindly send me a duplicate registration card (1926) for my Dodge Sedan bearing the Washington, D.C. license (1926) number 87-725. The car no.is M6660 of 1926; the engine no.MB746012.

I drove this car to California last summer and was given a Non-Resident Permit for the rest of the season. Now(having recently returned to California) I have applied for a California License and am informed that I must file my last Washington registration card.

Am enclosing the fee for the duplicate card.

Very truly yours,

Certificate of Rgistration recd. July 21, 1927

Original Defective

July 21, 1927

Mr B. W. Ammerman, Mgr.
San Rafael District
Am Automobile Association

my dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing a certificate of registration for my Dodge car for the year 1926, issued in Washington D.C. under license number 87-725 (plates still attached to the car), in accordance with your request.

Shall be obliged if you will kindly have the 1927 Calif license plates sent me at Lagunitas.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 21, 1927

Mr Wade H. Coombs
Superintendent of Licenses
District of Columbia

My dear Sir:

Many thanks for your courtesy in sending me a certification of the record of registration of my Dodge car for the year 1926, and for returning the fee.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 5,1927

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Herein is my expense account for July, amounting to $150.56, with accompanying subvouchers, which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

I am this year seeking old Indians for bits of information needed to complete work on the tribes to which they belong. Have made four trips for this purpose, with excellent success, but several of the Indians I want to see were away, so I shall have to go again. Unfortunately there is no way to find out about this beforehand.

The heat in the Clear Lake country now is something fearful, and it does not let up nights till about 2 in the morning. And there are Indians there of half a dozen tribes. On Sunday the 24th I was the only white person present at one of their wonderful costumed ceremonials in the underground roundhouse.

The advantage of a car in this work is hard to over-estimate, for on nearly every trip I go as far in a day as I used to go with horses in five or six days.

Very truly yours,

Lagunitas, Marin Co., California

Expense Account for July, 1927

June 25	Calif. Auto License plates for 1927	1		3	00
	Allens Press Clippings for May	2		3	00
July 1	Ret.fare Sausalito-San Francisco				25
	Street cars .35; 6 rolls film 1.50; telephones.20			2	05
	Flogum paste & 3 boxes clips 1.20; meals 1.50			2	70
	Car storage 50; Change engine oil 2.20			2	70
7	SanAnselmo,Durham Garage: Work on car	3		4	00
11	Ret.fare, Sausalito-San Francisco 25; Street cars 35				60
	Taxi to Acad.Sci.50; meals 1.00; Car storage 50			2	00
12	Allen's Press Clippings for June	4		3	00
13-15	Trip,self & asst(Zenaida Merriam) to Clear Lake:				
13	Santa Rosa: Occidental Hotel--Dinner $1.			2	00
14	" " " " Rooms	5		3	00
	Breakfast & lunch, self & asst.			2	00
	Car storage .50; 7 gals gas 1.44; rd Olayome Inds.4.			5	94
15	Highland Lodge Hotel: Sup, ldg & bkfst,self & asst.	6		7	00
	6 rolls film 1.50; rd Ind (Namfo) 2.00			3	50
	Lunch & supper,self & asst.2.50; 6gals gas 1.20			3	70
17	F.Lockley: Basketry,Pacific Coast Indians (book)			1	75
19-20	Trip to Geyserville & Russian Riv loop Ind rancherias				
19	Lunch & dinner 1.50; rd Geyserville Inds 2.50			4	00
	Healdsburg:Chg. engine oil 2.10; alemiting 2.;7 gas 1.44			5	54
20	" Hotel Plaza, Room	7		2	00
	" Car storage 50; meals 1.50;crackers &c Inds	50		2	50
	Rd Riv loop Inds 4.50; 9 gals gas 1.80			6	30
22	Schwabacher-Frey Co. 500 letterheads, printed	8		13	62
	Map of Napa County				50
23-24	Trip to Putah Cr and Clear Lake Indians:				
23	Rd Mirabel and Cache Creek Indians			4	50
	8 gals gas 1.76; meals 2.00			3	76
24	Highlands Lodge Hotel: Room and Breakfast	9		3	00
	Sulphurbank ceremonial, rd Indians			4	00
27	Vulcanizing 2 tires 1.25; 8 gals gas 1.60			2	85
29	Trip to Bodega Bay: Rd Indian 3.00; meals 1.50			4	50
30	Webb & Rogers, Photo work	10		6	10
	Greasing Universals 55; 10 gals gas 2.10			2	65
	Sparrow Bros,San Rafael:Work & new parts on starter 7.95; work & new armature brushes for Generator 18.10		11	26	05
31-Aug1	Ret fare Sausalito-San Francisco 25; Streetcars 50				75
	Hotel Stewart, Room	12		3	00
	Car storage 50; change engine oil 2.10;stop leak .25			2	85
			150	66	

One hundred, fifty - - - - - - - - Sixty six - -

150.66

August 31, 1927

Dear Professor Evermann:

Your letter of the 12th instant came while I was in the field. I am interested in what you say about Maynard Shipley and am wondering if it is not ancient history.

A year or more ago he wrote me that he and one or two others had tried with humiliating result the very experiment you mention, namely, debating with preachers in public the matter of evolution. He realized the obvious fact that the audiences were packed, and had decided to avoid such futile attempts in future.

Hoping to see you before long, and with kindest regards to you all,

Very truly yours,

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August 31, 1927

Dear Miss Hastings:

Thanks for your letter of August 14 from Hubert, Minn.

We were sorry that you did not drive around this way during your western peregrinations, but nevertheless will be glad to see you in Washington about the end of October.

Yes, I shall be pleased to have you work for me again the coming winter, particularly if you have become proficient as a stenographer. But, as I think you know, what I most need is not a mere stenographer (the kind that flood the market) but a real secretary--one who will make it her business to absorb my work, keep track of it, and become a real lean-to.

Have had a fairly successful field season tho less so than I had hoped. The main difficulty has been to find the old Indians needed. Have had to make several trips to connect with a single old man.

Probably we shall be home by or soon after the middle of October, tho this is not certain. We expect to drive back, and hope for better weather and fewer miles of slippery road than on the westward journey.

Mrs Merriam and Zenaida join in kind regards.

Very truly yours,

Miss Barbara Hastings
Atchison, Kansas

August 31,1927

Postmaster
Middletown, Calif.

Dear Sir:

By same mail I am sending letters addressed to four Indians at the Middletown Reservation and shall be obl obliged if you will kindly see that they are delivered.

The Indians in question are:

Salvador Chapo
Henry Knight
John Sebastian
Mrs Maggie Johnson

Very truly yours,

August 31, 1927

Mr Salvador Chapo
Middletown, Calif.

At last the photographs I took of you some time ago have come back to me and I am sending you the ones that came out best. If possible, I will see you again before very long.

Very truly yours,

August 31,1927

Mr Henry Knight
Middletown,Calif.

Your photographs were a long time in coming back from San Francisco and did not arrive till this morning. They turned out very well and I hope you will like them. Your boys and the horse look fine.

Very truly yours,

August 31, 1927

Mr John Sebastian
Middletown, Calif.

Enclosed are the best of the photographs i took of you and your family the last time i saw you. i am sorry the feet did not show, but the finder must have got a little out of place.

with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

August 31,1927

Mrs Maggie Johnson
Middletown, Calif.

Enclosed are the best of the photographs i took of you and your father the last time i visited your place. i hope you will like them.

My wife says she has not much in the way of spare clothing this year but will send you something before we go back.

August 31,1927

Mr Clifford Salvador
Lower Lake, Calif.

my dear Sir:

The photographs i took of you were a long time in coming back from San Francisco. They have just arrived and strike me as very good. Am enclosing the best ones herewith and hope you will like them.

i may see you again before returning to Washington, but am not sure that i can get up there again.

Very truly yours,

Original Defective

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August 31,1927

Mr Mike Gomez
Lower Lake, Calif.

Dear Sir:

The photographs I took of you and your family were a long time in coming back from the printer in San Francisco, and I was away when they arrived. They turned out very well and the best ones I am enclosing herewith.

I may get up there again before returning to Washington but cannot be sure.

With regards to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Sept.3,1927

Mr N.W.Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Enclosed is my expense account for August, amounting to $209.83, which I shall be obliged if you will pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

I expect to start back for Washington earlier than usual--probably on or about September 20.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin County, Calif.

Expense account for August, 1927

Aug.	3	Am Automobile Assoc. Dues & maps to Sept. 1928(Calif)		12 00
	8-9	Trip,Mt Diablo,San Ramon Val.,& Niles Canyon:		
		Sanrafael,7 gals gas 1.47;Walnut Cr,5gals 1.05		2 52
		Richmond, 6 gals gas 1.26; meals 3.		4 26
	9	Allen's Press Clippings for July	1	3.00
	11-12	Trip, Mt St Helena & Middletown:		
		San Rafael 5 gals gas 1.25; Calistoga 11 gals 2.51		3 76
		Calistoga,8 qts Mobile oil &change engine oil		2 80
		Middletown: Hotel Herrick,sup, ldg,& bkfst	2	3 00
		Car storage 50;meals(additional to Hotel Herrick)2.		2 50
		Pd Indians: Henry Knight 3; wife 50; others 1.75		5 25
	15	Trip, Healdsburg & Russian River loop rancheria:		
		6 rolls film 1.50; 15 gals gas 3.15		4 65
		Pd Indians 2; meals 1.50		3 50
	17	50 stampt envelopes 1.10; 25 2¢ stamps 5o.		1 60
	18	National Parks publications		3 00
	20	Gabriel Moulin, 11.05 & 3.20	3	14 25
	20-21	Trip,Santa Rosa, Healdsburg & Monally Ranch:		
		17 gals gas 3.57; Santa Rosa Indian 1.		4 57
		Pd Ind Joe McCloud 4.50; Healdsburg Inds 2.		6 50
		Santa Rosa,Central Garage:Oil, labor & storage	4	5 35
		" " Occidental Hotel, Room	5	2 50
		Meals (2 days)		4 00
	23	San Rafael,Mending water carrier 50; 6 gals gas 1.26		1 76
	24-25	Ret fare.Sausalito-San Francisco.25: Street cars 45		70
		San Francisco, State Hotel, Room	6	1 50
	27	San Rafael,C.G.Wehrli,Cord tire 27.35; tube 4.75	7	32 10
	29-30	Ret fare,San Rafael-SanFran.60; Streetcars 45;meals 3.		4 05
		Hotel Ramona, Room	8	3 00
	30	San Rafael,Soldering vac. tank 75; 9gals gas 1.89		2 64
		" " Webb & Rogers, developing small film		40
		" " J.E.French Co. Work on car	9	5 20
		" " Thayer's Garage,Labor & new parts for car	10	69 47
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Sept. 6,1927

Editor, Fresno Bee
Fresno, California

My dear Sir:

Mr William Colby of the Sierra Club has sent me a clipping from the Fresno Bee stating that a man named W. D. Murray has killed a big Grizzly at one of his sheep camps in the Sierra.

This interests me greatly for the reason that for more than thirty years I have been trying to secure the skull of a full grown male Grizzly from the middle Sierra region for our National Museum at Washington, but thus far without success.

During the past 37 years I have obtained and presented to the National Collection more than two thousand skulls (and many skins also) of big Bears from various western states, British Columbia, Alberta, and Alaska--a larger number than contained in the combined museums of the world.

I am naturally very anxious to secure the skull of the Grizzly killed by Mr Murray, and t o learn where and when the Bear was shot. And not knowing Mr Murray's address am hoping you will kindly connect me with him.

Very truly yours,

Sept. 7, 1927

Mr William E. Colby
Mills Building
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr Colby:

Appreciative thanks for your kindness in sending me the Fresno Bee clipping about the killing of a big Grizzly in the Sierra by a man named W. D. Murray. No information was given as to where or when the beast was shot.

I have written the editor of the Fresno Bee asking that he put me in touch with Murray, and anxiously await his reply.

It will be great if we can get the skull--after thirty years of failures, so far as the middle Sierra region is concerned.

With best wishes and many thanks,

Very truly yours,

Sept. 7, 1927

Mr John B. Larner, President
Washington Loan & Trust Co.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr Larner:

Please pardon my delay in acknowledging your letter about the skulls of Bears and other animals offered for sale by J. W. French of Kamloops, B.C.

I have been in the field, working with several thibes of Indians in northern California.

During the past 37 years I have purchased and presented to our National Museum upwards of two thousand skulls of big Bears from the western United States, British Columbia, Alberta, and Alaska; and am still looking for more from certain localities.

I am writing Mr French by this mail and shall be glad to learn just what he has.

With many thanks for your courtesy in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Sept.7, 1927

Mrs Rachel B. Barker
Indian Defense Assoc.
Mills Bldg, San Francisco

Dear Mrs Barker:

Replying to your letter of August 25 would say that I should be very glad to attend the Indian meeting at Ione if I were to be in California at that date, but have been planning to start for Washington before then.

I am utterly in the dark as to the program to be placed before Congress in behalf of California Indians the coming session and would be greatly embarrassed before a meeting of Indians.

In a few days I expect to be in San Francisco for a few hours and will call on Mr Collier.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Sept.6,1927

Mr Geo. W. Stewart
Ochsner Building
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Mr Stewart:

Both of your interesting letters reached meon my return from field trips and I am mortified to have left them unacknowledged so long. I have worked with a number of tribes and have obtained a lot of odds and ends of needed information, all in northern counties. And I am pained to say that there is no chance of going south this season.

It is good that you have secured photographs of additional ancient Indian paintings and petroglyphs in the Visalia region. All this is fine material which of course you will record some of these days.

I am thankful for the addresses you so kindly sent me of Frank Brann and Miss Gretchen Flower, and next year shall most certainly take advantage of their willingness to pilot me to the originals.

That reproductions of ancient rock paintings and carvings of all kinds deserve perpetuation in the original colors admits of no doubt, and I trust you will take every opportunity complete your collection. Whether the Smithsonian fund would admit of such reproduction now I do not know, but will inquire after returning to Washington. Meanwhile you will of course write the accompanying article.

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I'm glad you found something of interest in my paper on the Pit River Indians, tho I'm a long way from admitting that the Am-tim-bitch and Wuk-sa-che tribes are a "kindred people" to the Pit Rivers. The case seemed to me one of 'borrowing', and implies an ancient contiguity of which at present no other evidence has been found.

Trusting that your new environment is agreeable, and that Mrs Stewart and yourself will find many good friends there, and with kindest regards from Mrs Merriam, Zenaida and myself,

Very truly yours,

Sept. 7, 1927

Mr J. W. French
Kamloops, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Some time ago, when I was away in field work among the Indians of northern California, a letter came from Mr J.B. Larner of Washington, informing me that you have some skulls of big Bears which you would like to dispose of.

Can you tell me where these Bears were killed? And do you know the sex of each specimen.

I am not now in position to pay the prices paid some years ago for Bear skulls, but would be glad to get skulls from certain localities.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Sept.7,1927

Mr William Chamberlin
Paeonian Springs,Va.

Dear Sir:

Your letter about the Polar Bear skulls came while I was in the field working among Indians in the northern part of California.

You do not say where the Bears were killed or how many of them are adult males. Without this information, and without knowledge as to the condition of the skulls, I can form no idea as to their value.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Sept.6,1927

Mr Fred Lockley
Portland,Oregon

My dear Sir:

From your Booklist 233, just recd., please send me if not already sold the following:

Diary of Wilkes in the Northwest,edited by E.S.Meany. $2.00

Geo W. Raddle, Early Days in Oregon. $2.75

Gilbert L.Cole, Early Days on Overland Trailin 1852. $2.50

Am not enclosing check for the reason that so many of your books are sold before my order reaches you. Will remit on receipt of books.

Very truly yours,

Sept.13,1927

Mr E.B.Gardner
San Geronimo Water Co.
Woodacre, Calif.

My dear Mr Gardner:

Enclosed herewith is my check on the Crocker Bank of San Francisco for $6.45 in payment of your bill dated June 30,1927. As we did not arrive from the east until the evening of June 21 it is obvious that the excess charge was for leaks in the pipes through the orchard,repaired by Mr Fiori as soon as discovered.

Before leaving Lagunitas last fall I personally turned off the water where it leaves the big tank above the orchard, and drained the pipe at the house. During our absence someone turned it on, resulting in frozen and bursted pipes.

The question arises, is a consumer liable for water turned on by someone else during his absence, and if so what protection may one have against this sort of damage?

Very truly yours,

And furthermore, since the consumer is entitled to 600 cubic feet per month under the minimum charge, how about the 4800 feet or more I was entitled to during my absence of eight months?

Sept. 14, 1927

Mr Stephen Knight
R.F.D. Box 138
Ukiah, California

Dear Mr Knight:

It is with great regret that I am obliged to miss the meeting at Ione on September 24, and to go back to Washington without seeing you.

I had counted also on visiting William Fuller but will have to put it off till next year.

The season has been short and I have been exceedingly busy, and not at all well. Have had to go to San Francisco twice to consult with Doctors, and once to the Lane Hospital to have my back and side x-rayed. So we are going home. We drove out from Washington again, and are going to drive back.

None of us know of course what is going to happen in Congress this winter, but if anything of importance is done for California Indians I will let you know at once.

Indians at Lower Lake and at Middletown told me that Collett had visited them the night before, but that they had not given him any money or encouragement.

I am much interested in your Indian Brotherhood and believe it will prove of great help to California Indians. For you personally it must be a great strain. I am enclosing a small contribution (only $25)to help a little in meeting the expenses.

With best wishes to you all from myself and family,

Sept.14,1927

Mr Francis P. Farquhar
114 Sansome Street
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr Farquhar:

Your letter of yesterday catches me just as I am starting on a brief field trip.

We drove out this summer and are driving back, leaving California before the 27th of this month, so you see it will be impossible to accept the Historical Society's invitation for a talk on that date.

We appreciate also your very kind invitation for dinner with your mother and yourself, with an evening at your home, and regret that our early departure prevents its acceptance.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Sept.16,1927

Dr F. V. Coville
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Coville:

No, I do not recall having heard the word Chico in any indian language. I have just looked thro my vocabulary of the Michopdo tribe--the one to whom the Chico country belonged, without finding anything resembling it,even remotely,,and see no reason to doubt that it is the usual Spanish word.

As to its possible application to Sarcobatus. would remark that that genus does not occur in this part of the world.

Last night we had the first shower of the season, and a very light one.

As soon as we can pack the car and close the house for the winter we expect to set sail for the cross-continent drive, hoping to pass the adobe deserts before the fall rains set in.

With kindest regards to Mrs Coville and yourself from the three Lagunitas Merriams,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Sept.16,1927

Postmaster
Washington,D.C.

Dear Sir:

On and after receipt of this letter kindly discontinue forwarding to Lagunitas, California mail addressed to Dr or Mrs C. Hart Merriam or Miss Zenaida Merriam addressed to 1919 16 Street, Washington, and hold same until our return.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Sept. 18,1927

Mr Herbert T. Lee
Tenakee, Alaska

My dear Mr Lee:

Your letter of August 25, forwarded from Washington, has just reached me. I am now packing to start back and shall drive back by automobile, so am not likely to see the Bear skulls you so kindly sent me until late in October.

I appreciate your interest and generosity in the matter and surely will dig up something in return.

Have been working among California Indians all summer, as usual, and must now get back to Washington.

Will write you of course after a look at the Bear skulls.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

Sept. 18, 1827

Mr Jack Williams
Likely, California

My dear Sir:

Early in July, soon after arriving from the east, I wrote you that i would go to see you sometime during the summer. But I can't do it, i'm sorry to say.

I have been very busy visiting different tribes of Indians, and have not been well. I had to go to San Francisco twice to see Doctors, and also had to go to Lane Hospital to have X-ray pictures made of my back and sides. And now i am going back to Washington.

If all goes well I shall be back here in the early spring, and shall go to the Pit River country to see you and other friends.

We are going to try again this winter to see if Congress will do anything for California Indians. If anything important happens I will let you know.

With regards to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

Lagunitas, Calif.
Sept.18,1927

Mr J. P. Harrington
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Harrington:

Your letter of August 23 awaited my return from a recent field trip. No, I have not had any inquiries as to Chimariko or other informants, and do not expect any. You koow I keep away from other workers in this State.

Have not visited the northern parts of the State this season but have been seeking bits of needed information from remnants of tribes nearer home. And it certainly is sad, ongoing to the various rancherias, to find how few are left. Day before yesterday my daughter Zenaida and I found only one man, one old woman and two girls where there were more than twenty at the time of our last visit, about four years ago.

It is most gratifying to know that you recovered your priceless Chimariko manuscript and that you are at work on the grammar. It will make a fine contribution.

Sorry to learn that Dr Fewkes had another fall and is in possibly serious condition.

Mrs Merriam and Zenaida join in kind regards.

Very truly yours,

Lagunitas, Calif.
Sept.18,1927

Mrs Maggie Johnson
Middletown, Calif.

In accordance with my promise , my wife is sending you by this mail a small package containing some clothes, which she hopes you will be able to use.

I am not very well and find that I shall have to start to drive back to Washington this week. The road is about 3 thousand 4 hundred miles long, so it will take us two or three weeks to get there.

Please remember me to all your people. I hope to see you all again next spring, and hope you all will have a good winter.

Very truly yours,

Washington, D.C.
Oct. 12, 1927

Mr P. Martinelli
Lagunitas, Calif.

Dear Mr Martinelli:

It was an odd coincidence that you left for the north the morning of the day I went down to see you. And when I took the keys to your house, no one was there, so I hung them on the door knob. There were 4 keys: the usual 2 to the house padlocks, the woodhouse key, and the key to the garage.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will go through the house frequently this winter to watch out for leaks, and also to fasten up any window that may be left open if anyone breaks into the house--as they did last winter and the winter before.

Last winter a friend who happened to be visiting at Lagunitas for a couple of days found one of the dining room bay windows wide open and nailed it up.

And will you please attend to burning the several brush piles, taking care not to scorch the limbs overhead.

If you want any wood, help yourself to all the poles you want. Plenty of trees are cut and I have not given any to anybody else.

And please send bill for last winter as I dont like to be so late in paying.

We were 15 days in driving to Washington and had plenty of bad weather and some mean roads. Mrs Merriam and Zenaida join in kindest regards to you all.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Oct. 12, 1927

Dear Doctor Bunnell:

Your postal of some time ago was most welcome and reassuring, but you did'nt give any address.

We arrived on the 8th, after driving across in 15 days. We had some bad roads and some bad weather and realized that we started too late for a northern route. There was not much snow in the Sierra but the Uintas were unbroken white from base to summit and the higher parts of the Wasatch were of course covered. The day before we reached Laramie the snow there was 5 inches deep, and 10 inches on the Laramie mountains at Sherman Summit, but most of it had gone before we got there. In eastern Kansas and Missouri we were delayed by rains and floods and forced to detour more than 100 miles.

We most earnestly trust that everything has gone well with you and that you will soon be able to walk without suffering --even if you are not quite equal to tramp the mountains with J. Bruce!

It would give the Merriams great joy if you and your good wife could make us a little visit on your return trip. Meanwhile, our best to you both.

Ever yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Dr Sterling Bunnell
Post Graduate Hospital
New York City

Oct. 12, 1927

Mr Gabriel Moulin
153 Kearny Street
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Sir:

The last batch of photographs, which you kindly mailed so promptly, we picked up at the Lagunitas Postoffice in passing on the start of our automobile journey across the continent.

The pictures of Indians are very fine and I appreciate the care taken in the printing. My check for $10.95 in payment of the bill--which turned up today in the accumulated mail--is enclosed herewith. Please forward receipt to my Washington address.

We were fifteen days in driving across and encountered some bad weather and worse roads--penalty for taking a northern route so late in the season. Next year the roads will be much better.

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

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October 15, 1927

Mrs Maria Kopo Freas
and Mrs Julia Elgin
Marshall, Marin County
California

Before the photographs were ready to send you, I had to start back to Washington, with my wife and daughter. We drove all the way across--3,275 miles. We had some bad roads and some bad weather but came through all right.

Am starting the photographs today, by registered mail, and they should reach Marshall a few days after this letter. Hope you will like them.

Will try to see you again after returning to California next spring.

With best wishes to you both from Mrs Merriam and myself,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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October 14, 1927

Mr Marion McCloud
Healdsburg, Calif.

My dear Sir:

By same mail I am sending you(registered) the photographs I took on September 11, of yourself and the others at your prune camp. Hope you will like them. They look good to me.

I had to come back to Washington and could not wait to send them from my summer place at Lagunitas.

We drove across the continent in my car--a long drive of three thousand, two hundred and eighty five miles. Had some bad roads on the way, and some bad weather too--rain and wind and snow--but got here all right.

Hope to see you and your father and others next spring, after returning to California.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Oct. 15,1927

Mr Rawson Bennett,II
Editor-in-Chief,The Trident
U.S.Naval Academy, Annapolis

My dear Sir:

On arriving at Washington last Saturday, after driving across from California, I found a stack of accumulated mail awaiting attention. And in opening the various packages I find to my great delight the original journal of my uncle, the late Major Gustavus F. Merriam, in 1856 a Midshipman at Annapolis.

He was one of fourteen brothers and sisters, all now dead. But there are many children and grandchildren who will rejoice with me in the recovery of this old Journal of 1856-57.

I am most grateful to the unnamed friend who had it, and to you for kindness and trouble in sending it to me.

Very truly yours,

C. Merriam

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Oct. 15, 1927

Dear Doctor Stephens:

Here we are again in our own home. Most of the summer's dirt has been cleaned off and carted away and we are about ready to begin the winter's work.

We arrived a week ago today and spent the first three days (nights I mean) with my sister and Vernon Bailey in their pleasant home on Kalorama Road.

We made the trip from Lagunitas in fifteen days and the old American-6 delivered the family in good health and spirits--in spite of some unpleasant experiences on the way. The fact is, we started too late to drive over the northern route. There was snow in the High Sierra, on all the mountains of Nevada, and on the Wasatch, Uintas, and Rocky Mts. The Uintas--as we viewed them from the north--were unbroken white from summit to base, and we passed many snowbanks on the Laramies, near Sherman Summit. Here our greatest altitude was 8,800 feet. At Laramie city the snow was 5 inches deep the day before our arrival, but the severe wind evaporated it before we got there.

There were heavy rains in Nevada, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri--a flood on the highway in the latter state necessitating a detour of more than a hundred miles.

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Most of Wyoming is graded and graveled, and the whole of the Lincoln Highway through Nebraska is graded and graveled, but Kansas--Oh my! We kept out of Kansas except that we had to plow through the mud of its extreme northeastern corner(in order to avoid the bottomless mud of Iowa)by driving from Grand Island to Nebraska City, Nebraska, and thence south to Atchison, Kansas. This route I believe to be the shortest route from Washington to California.

But, sad to relate, I have broken my record as a good driver. For the first time in fifteen years of auto-driving I have had an accident by my own fault. In driving down the grade west of Medicine Bow, Wyoming, in the evening, in the glare of the headlights of a passing car, I ran off the bank into the ditch and broke (off) every one of the 12 spokes of the right front wheel. Zenaida caught a ride in a passing car and came back in a truck with the garage man. But the truck could'nt do the job. So they went back and got a big gasoline tank car and jacked up the front of our car and fastened it high up on the tank and hauled us in. Next day their mechanic--an ingenious fellow--selected three old wheels from the junk pile and of these built a good new one for us--which brought us safely home. And the bill, including the hauling, was $16. And of this, $6 is charged to the A.A.A., so we are out just $10 and half a days delay! How is that!

E. and Z. send best love to you all, as does C.H. also.

As ever yours,

Dr W. Lanley Stephens
Alameda, Calif.

Oct. 15,1927

Dr A. L. Kroeber
University, Berkeley
CALIFORNIA

Dear Doctor Kroeber:

Just a week ago today I reached Washington, after a fifteen day drive across the continent with my wife and daughter. It hardly pays to drive over any of the northern routes so late in the season, for the snows in the mountains and the rains, winds, muds and floods elsewhere put too severe a strain on the drivers.

In opening my accumulated mail I was much pleased to find in the July-September Anthropologist your friendly and appreciative review of my Pit River paper. I thank you.

If the Anthropologist were not so overcrowded as to necessitate the holding over papers for a year or so I might contribute a few articles--as for instance, one on the boundaries between the Yukean and Pomoan tribes in the Mount Saint Helena region.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 20, 1927.

American Automobile Association
17th and Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I am enclosing a Service Report from the Lincoln Highway Garage at Medicine Bow, Wyoming, for hauling my car on the evening of September 28 last from the ditch on the side of the road seven miles west of Medicine Bow, $5.25, which amount I shall be glad if you will have returned to me.

The charge is phenomenally low in view of the fact that the labor necessitated two trips with two different trucks from Medicine Bow to the seat of the accident and back.

Incidentally, I think you should know that this garage (Lincoln Highway Garage, Medicine Bow) made for me an entirely new front wheel out of three different makes of wheels from the junk pile, for the remarkably low charge of $10.75. The wheel is still on my car in my own garage here in Washington and has every appearance of permanence.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 20, 1927.

Publisher
Science and Scientific Monthly
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

On May 23 last, I wrote you asking you to change my mailing address for the summer for both Science and the Scientific Monthly from '1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C.' to 'Lagunitas, Marin County, California,' returning to the old address the 1st of October.

You changed the address to Lagunitas, as requested, but apparently omitted to change back again to Washington the 1st of October.

As a matter of fact, I left California September 22, since which date I have not received either of the journals in question. I shall be obliged if you will kindly forward same to my Washington address as above.

Similar letter to:

National Geographic Magazine, 16th St., Washington, D.C.
Outdoor Life, 1824 Curtis St., Denver, Colorado
Outlook, 381 Fourth Avenue, New York City
Boonville Herald, Boonville, New York
Motor Land, 1628 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco

October 20, 1927.

Mr. E. I. Garrett
President, Puget Sound Machinery Depot
322 1st Avenue, South
Seattle, Washington

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 13th inst., would say that I returned from California about a week ago and shall be glad to examine your bear skull as soon as it arrives.

Please pack the skull securely and send it by express, charges collect, addressed to me at the U. S. Biological Survey, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 20, 1927.

Honorable Stephen T. Mather
Director, National Park Service
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Mather:

Thanks for the interesting and beautifully illustrated National Park Bulletins which I found on my recent return from California.

In looking at the one on Mt. McKinley National Park, under the heading 'The Mammals and Birds of Mt. McKinley National Park', I am very much surprised to notice the absence of any mention of grizzly bears notwithstanding the fact that these bears are particularly numerous in that region. This strikes me as a very peculiar omission, particularly since several of the smaller mammals, such as the Alaska red fox, hoary marmot, snowshoe rabbit and even the ground squirrel are each given one or more paragraphs.

I have seen reference to a paper on the 'Mammals and Birds of Mt. Rainier National Park', by Taylor and Shaw, but fail to find this in my accumulated mail. Can you send me a couple of copies?

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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October 20, 1927.

Wright Howes, Esquire
1144 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

I shall be obliged if you will send me No. 429 from your recent catalog, the same being Louis Cass' - 'Speeches on Condition of Indians', delivered in the U. S. Senate in 1855.

My check for $1.25 in payment is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

October 21, 1927.

Mr. Frederick C. Lincoln
Secretary, Committee of Arrangements
American Ornithologists' Union
Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lincoln:

Before leaving California I received your letter in regard to the coming meeting of the A. O. U. with the usual appeal for funds. In response I am enclosing check for $10.00 as my contribution.

May I express the hope that the Committee will not attempt anything elaborate or expensive in the way of entertainment. The increasing cost of excursions, lunches and other entertainments, as you doubtless know, has more than once resulted in changing the intended place of meeting for the reason that the tax on individual members was too much of a burden.

It seems to me a very serious mistake for the Union to attempt to compete with the Ottawa meeting which, if I am correctly informed, was financed by the Canadian Government.

With best wishes for a successful meeting without decorations,

C. Hart Merriam

October 21, 1927.

Dear Townsend:

Very many thanks for sending me a separate of your autobiographical 'Old Times with the Birds.' Although very busy during the few days since my return from California, I have read every word of it with genuine interest and enjoyment. Our trails have crossed so many times during the past forty years or so that many of the incidents you mention are familiar to me personally.

You have had a wonderful experience in out-of-the-way parts of the world and it is a really fine thing that you have taken time to tell even briefly about your wanderings and accomplishments.

With congratulations and best wishes, as ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Charles H. Townsend
Director, New York Aquarium

October 22, 1927

Mr. N. W. Dorsey
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith I am handing you my expense account for the month of September, amounting to $292.65, and also voucher for Zenaida Merriam, assistant, for $56.00, which kindly pay from the Harriman Fund as usual.

We drove home from California by way of a combination of the Lincoln, Victory and National Highways but started too late in the season for these northern routes. As a consequence we were delayed by storms, mud and floods, necessitating several detours one of which was more than a hundred miles in length.

In Wyoming I had the first accident from my own fault in fifteen years of auto driving. It happened in descending a very wet grade, seven miles west of Medicine Bow, on the evening of September 27. Dazed by the headlights of an approaching car, I turned out a little too far to the right and went off into the ditch, smashing the right fore wheel.

This at the time seemed terrible as we all felt that it would be necessary to send to Indianapolis for a new wheel and wait for its arrival but, by good fortune, the mechanic at Medicine Bow was a rare genius and during the next forenoon he built a new wheel out of three different makes of wheel which he rescued from the junk pile back of his shop. The result was that we were delayed only half a day and, as you see from the account, were charged only $10.00 for the job. This seems to me most extraordinary.

In some respects we were lucky for there were five inches of snow at Laramie and ten inches at Sherman Summit in the Laramie Mountains (alt. 8800 ft.) the day before we got there but, owing to a tremendous wind, most of it had gone before we passed over.

I have cut off the accompanying voucher at the end of the month. The expenses of the remaining eight days of the trip are on the October voucher which will be sent you at the end of this month. The total trip expenses (evening of September 22 to October 8, inclusive) amount to $238.28.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street, Washington, D. C.

Expense account for September, 1927.

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Sept. 6	Gabriel Moulin photo work	1	14	20
7	San Anselmo, Calif.: Tire vulcanized			75
8	Allen's Press Clipping Bureau for August	2	3	00
8-9	Sausalito-San Fran.ret..25; street cars .35			60
9	San Francisco: State Hotel, room	3	2	50
	Meals(Sept.8 & 9) 4.; Sausalito,car storage .50		4	50
10-11	Trip to Santa Rosa, Fulton, Healdsburg, Lytton (Wages Ranch):			
10	San Raf.10 gals gas 2.10;pd Ind.Buzman Rch 1.50; meals 2.		5	60
11	Santa Rosa: Occidental Hotel, room	4	3	50
	Car storage .50;chg engine oil	5	2	90
	12 gals gas		2	58
	Pd Ind.Wages Rch:Maria Kape Fries 3.Julia Elgin 1.50		4	50
	Pd Inds Monally Rch:Geyserville Joe & others		2	50
	Meals 1.75;crackers for Ind.children .50		2	25
13	San Raf.: Alemiting car 2.10;7 gals gas 1.47		3	57
14-15	Trip to Vacaville,Capy Val(Rumsey & Guinda), Woodland (self & Asst.Z.Merriam):			
14	Vacaville: 7 gals gas		1	54
15	Pd old Ind.woman Julia at Guinda Almond Rch		3	00
	Dixon: 10 gals gas		2	20
	Vacaville: Vacaville Inn,2 rms(Self & Z.Merriam,) Dinner & bkfst,self & Z.Merriam Asst)	6	4	50
	Meals en route,slf&Z.Merriam, Asst.		4	00
			2	50
Sept.17	Fred Lockley, 3 books	6½	7	25
Sept.19	San Raf.-San.Fran ret .60;15 gals gas 2.15		2	75
	San Fran.: Street cars .40; meals 2.00		2	40
	Gabriel Moulin photo work of Sept. 1st	7	3	25
	photo work of Sept. 17th	8	2	05
	San Raf.: Thayer Garage, work on car	9	8	25
21	Marin Serv.Sta.chg engine oil(8 qts. Mobile A) 2.80; alemiting 1.50	10	4	30
	Glycerine & tube for Houdaille Shock Absorbers			60
	Expressage & ins.on maps,MS,vocabs.&c,S.R.to Was	11	25	45
22	12 gals gas 2.52;labor on generator .50		3	02
	Napa, Calif: supper		1	00
23	Vacaville,Calif:Vacaville Inn, room	12	2	50
	Car storage			50
	Sacramento:repairing generator 2.50;Colfax,10 gals gas 2.50; meals 2.50		8	00
24	Reno,Nevada: Hotel Golden, room	13	2	50
	Car storage .50;10 gals gas 2.60;oil .20; Lovelock:10 gals gas 3.;Winnemucca 6 gals gas 1.80; alamiting 1.50;6 rolls film 1.50; Battle Mt.:5 gals gas 1.50;tire vulcanized 1.25; meals 2.00 [Reno to Elko 303 miles]		15	65
25	Elko,Nev.: Mayer Hotel, room	14	2	50
	Storage,new tire & tube,chge engine oil (Mayer Co)	15	41	05
	6 gals gas 1.62; distributor fixt .50		2	12

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Sept. 25	Wells,Nev.: 6 gals gas 1.68;Wendover: 6 gals gas 1.68;oil .40;Grantsville:8 gals gs 2.;mls 2.		7	76
26	Salt Lake City: Newhouse Hotel, room	16	4	00
	Covey-Ballard Motor Co.changing gear grease, oil, & storage	17	5	00
	6 gals gas 1.62;Evanston:10 gals gas 2.80; meals,breakfast & lunch 1.15		5	57
27	Lyman,Wyo.:Johnston Hotel,supper,room & breakfast	18	2	50
	storage .50;5 gals gas 1.50;ignition repairs 2. Green River:5 gals gas 1.35;Parco:10 gals gas 2.60;meals(lunch & dinner)1.50 [illegible]		9	45
28	Medicine Bow: The Virginian Hotel, room	19	1	00
	Lincoln Highway Garage: making new front wheel new tube,valve stem & tire changes	20	6	40
	4 gals gas 1.04; meals 2.35		3	39
29	Laramie,Wyo: Hotel Connor, room	21	3	00
	Willard Battery Co:Recharging battery & new parts for generator	22	8	75
	6 gals gas 1.14;Kimball,Nebr.:8 gals gas 1.58 meals 2.50		5	22
30	Chappell,Nebr: Hotel Palace, room	23	2	00
	Storage .50;7 gals gas 1.33; alemiting 1.25 Gothenburg:10 gals gas 1.88;Kearney:9 gals gas 1.53; telegrams 1.40; meals 2.[illegible]		9	89
	North Platte,Nebr: changing engine oil	24	2	89
			292	65

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October 22, 1927

Mr. Laurence M. Huey
San Diego Museum of Natural History
San Diego, California

My dear Mr. Huey:

On returning from California a week or so ago, I found in the accumulated mail two interesting papers from your pen, each treating of two widely different members of the animal kingdom; the first, a Kangaroo Rat and a Rabbit, the second, a Heron and a Ground Squirrel.

Since it is impossible to divide these properly for one's files, I am wondering if you will not be good enough to send me duplicate copies.

It is good to see that you are actively at work on mammals as well as birds.

I had hoped to call on you at San Diego this fall but failed to finish field work in northern California in time to go south. So I drove across from San Francisco to Washington with my family over a combination of the Lincoln Highway, Victory Highway

L. M. H. 2.

and National Trails Highway. The season proved too late for these northern routes, resulting in rains, floods, mud and detours--one of the latter more than a hundred miles in length.

I hope to see you next year.

With best wishes

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

I should be glad to purchase a complete set of the Transactions of the San Diego Society of Natural History and shall be obliged if you will ask the proper person to send me a set, with bill for same, and to enter me as a subscriber for future numbers as issued. —

October 25, 1927.

Dr. T. S. Palmer
1939 Biltmore Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Palmer:

Thanks for your letter of the 22d in regard to a talk before the coming meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union on the history of my work on the Life Zones. I appreciate the truth of what you say and will consider the matter for a few days and let you know. The only difficulty is the time necessary in looking up dates, localities and so on--my memory not being so long as it used to be.

Last summer I heard that you were at Berkeley and was hoping we might see you at Lagunitas.

With best wishes to Mrs. Palmer and yourself

Very truly yours

C. [illegible]

October 27, 1927

Mr. N. W. Dorsey
Accountant, Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith I am handing you my check on the National Metropolitan Bank of this city for $500.00, in repayment of like amount advanced for field expenses last June, for the use of which I am much obliged.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

October 27, 1927

Mr. N. W. Dorsey
Accountant, Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Thanks for your promptness in sending check in payment of my September account, $292.50. I am glad you spotted the error of fifteen cents in the footing of the Sacramento items of September 23. It came about in this way: The account as a whole footed up to such a large figure that I cut it down, cutting out a little here and there in the daily expenses. In doing this I obviously neglected to make the deduction in the allowance Sacramento charges.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

October 27, 1927

Wilson Ornithological Club
Sioux City, Iowa.

Dear Sirs:

The September number of the Wilson Bulletin contains an interesting autobiography of Otto Widmann. I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me a copy of this Bulletin with bill for same.

I knew Mr. Widmann for a number of years and was impressed not only by his wonderful handwriting, but also by his accuracy, truthfulness and his ability as an observer of the habits of birds.

Very truly yours

E. Hart Merriam

October 29, 1927

Mr. Donald Dickey
514 Lester Avenue
Pasadena, California

Dear Mr. Dickey:

You doubtless know all about the action of the California Institute of Technology as recorded in Science of September 23.

In reading it my heart sank within me as I failed to discern any trace of an intention to teach Natural History. From what you told me last winter, I had hopes that the study of animals and plants for themselves and in relation to their environment would be perpetuated in this institution but it seems that the powers that be have ruled otherwise.

We left California unusually early this year, starting on the late afternoon of September 22, and arriving in Washington sixteen days later. We drove by way of the Lincoln, Victory and National Highways and were much inconvenienced

by storms and floods, one high water blockade necessitating a detour of more than a hundred miles.

Hoping to see you here this winter and with kindest regards to your wife and mother,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

October 31, 1927

Mr. Herbert Lee
Tenakee, Alaska
My dear Mr. Lee:

The four bear skulls you shipped the Biological Survey about the end of August arrived safely and I have just examined them and am glad to have them. While my fund for this purpose is badly shrunken, I am allowing you and your good wife $20.00 for the lot, a check for which amount will be sent you from the Smithsonian in a few days.

Mrs. Lee must have good courage as well as being a good hunter. I congratulate you on having the right kind of a wife.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

October 31, 1927

Mr. A. H. Twitchell
Flat, Alaska
My dear Sir:

On returning from California I find the large bear skull which you shipped to the Biological Survey sometime ago.

I am turning in a voucher for $10.00 for this skull, a check for which amount should be sent you from the Smithsonian in a few days.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

October 31, 1927

Mr. C. A. Bevans
Hoonah, Alaska
Dear Sir:

After returning from my season's field work in California, I find the three bear skulls which you shipped from Hoonah last June. I assume that the two skulls marked 'Port Frederick, Neka Bay' are from Port Frederick, Chichagof Island; and that the immature skull from Bartlett Bay was from the Bartlett Bay on the east side of Glacier Bay.

Several years ago I was obliged to practically give up the purchase of bear skulls owing to shortness of funds. However, since you have sent these, I will pay $15.00 for the lot.

Very truly yours
C. Hart Merriam.

October 31, 1927.

Mr. Pompeo Martinelli
Lagunitas, California
Dear Mr. Martinelli:

Thanks for your letter of the 27th inst. which arrived very promptly today. I am very glad to hear from you and to know that things at our house look all right. It is good also that the rains have begun so that after this the fire danger will be much less, and before long you may be able to burn the great accumulation of brush and trimmings on our place.

I am enclosing check for $7.00 for looking after the house last winter.

With best wishes and kind regards to you all

Very truly yours

November 2, 1927

Mr. N. W. Dorsey
Accountant, Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith I am handing you my expense account for October, amounting to $118.85, together with the vouchers enumerated below, all of which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Winifred M. Pomeroy, for services as stenog-asst. Oct. 20-31, 11 days 55.00
Zenaida Merriam, assist. 13 days 32.00
A.H.Twitchell, Flat, Alaska, Grizzly Bear Skull 10.00
Herbert Lee, Tenakee, Alaska, 4 Big Bear Skulls 20.00
C.A.Bevans, Hoonah, Alaska, 3 Bear Skulls 15.00

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth St., Washington, D.C.

Expense Account for October 1927

1927		Subsist.	
Oct. 1	Grand Island, Nebr: Hotel Yancey, room		3 00
	Storage .50; Grd Island & Lincoln: 12 gals gas 2.66	1	3 16
Oct. 2	Car greased .75; meals (breakfast & lunch) 1.25		2 00
	Nebraska City: Hotel Grand, dinner, room & breakfst	2	3 00
	Storage .50; engine oil changed 2.40		2 90
	Hiawatha, Kans: 15 gals gas 2.55; Horton: oil .60; chns .50.	3	3 65
	Atchison Tollbridge .35; meals (lunch & dinner) 2.		2 35
	St. Joseph, Missouri: Hotel Robidoux, room	3	3 50
	Storage .50; Rayton: alemiting 1.35; 13 gals gas 2.10		3 95
4	Sedalia: 5 gals gas .95; meals 2.25		3 20
	Columbia, Missouri: Oak Hill Hotel, room	4	2 00
	Storage .50; Warrenton: 10 gals gas 1.90;		2 40
	St. Charles Tollbridge .45; 8 gals gas 1.40		1.85
5	Mohawk guide .20; meals 2.25		2 45
	Effingham, Ill: Benwood Hotel, room	5	2 50
	Storage .50; Brazil: 15 gals gas 2.70; oil chgd 2.40		5 60
6	Water pump fixt .20; meals 2.25		2 45
	Richmond, Ind.: Arlington Hotel, room	6	1 50
	Storage .50; battery .25; alemiting 1.50		2 25
	West Jefferson: 10 gals gas 1.90; Old Washington:		
7	8 gals gas 1.52; meals (breakfast & lunch) 1.15		
	Old Washington, O.: Colonial Inn, supper, ldg & bfst	7	4 57
	Brakes tightened .50; Washington, Pa.: 8 gals gas 1.76		3 25
8	Cumberland, Md.: 10 gals gas 2.30; meals (lch&dinnr) 1.75		2 26
	Green Ridge, Md.: Shipway Inn, room		4 05
	Storage .50, phone .40; Hagerstown, 6 gals gas 1.38	8	2 00
	Meals (Breakfast & lunch)		2 28
Oct. 10	Fidelity Storage Co. Storage of express chest &	9	1 15
	package from Calif. awaiting my return		
18	Nat. Assn Audubon Societies, set of bird pictures		4 00
19	Subscription 'Game Breeder' to November 1928		1 00
	Wright Howes: Cats, Speech on Indians, U.S. Sen. 1855		2 00
	Allen's Press Clippings for September	10	1 30
17	Gabriel Moulin, photo work	11	3 00
	4 rubber erasers .35; 1 red-blue pencil .10	12	10 95
	Adhesive tape .25 duplicate desk key .25		45
27	El. current May 18-Oct. 18 $3. 1/3 of $3.=$1.		50
28	Standard Book Co: The papyrus of Ani by Wallis	13	1 00
	Budge. New Ed. London. 2vols.		
Nov. 1	Gas, May 25-Oct. 13 $4.80 1/3 of $4.80=1.60	14	9 50
	Stamps and stamped envelopes		1 60
	Isaiah Earle, 2 days, cleaning office rooms&windows		1 98
	Carfare for assistants on errands		7 90
			1 00
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November 5, 1927

Mr. A. E. Demaray
Acting Director, National Park Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Demaray:

Many thanks for your courtesy in sending me two copies of 'Mammals and Birds of Mt. Rainier National Park,' which I am very glad to add to my library. It contains a vast amount of material of permanent value.

It will be interesting to learn why the Grizzly Bear, perhaps the most interesting animal of the Mt. McKinley region, was omitted from your publication on McKinley National Park.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

November 5, 1927

Dr. L. J. Cole
Secretary, American Society of Naturalists
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Dr. Cole:

Responding to your letter in regard to the coming meeting of the Society of Naturalists, I recognize with regret the unfortunate difficulties in the way of date and speaker.

In view of these difficulties, which there appears to be no way of overcoming, I quite agree with your suggestion that, if practicable, our Society should join with the Botanical in the matter of dinner; and I am sure our members would enjoy the address which Dean Bailey of Cornell is scheduled to give at the Botanical dinner.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

November 5, 1927

Professor T. C. Stephens
Morningside College
Sioux City, Iowa

Dear Professor Stephens:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me the September number of the Wilson Bulletin containing the biographical sketch of Otto Widmann. I am very glad to add this to my series of biographical notices of American naturalists, and also am glad to know that Mr. Widmann is still alive.

With many thanks and best wishes

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

November 5, 1927

Mr. J. E. Hanna
c/o San Francisco Examiner
San Francisco, California

My dear Sir:

Your letter of October 29th and accompanying newspaper article on Yosemite Indians arrived safely.

I have scanned the article and find in it the usual array of misstatements in regard to these Indians. And is it not painful to see pictures of California Indians decorated with war bonnets of the Plains Indians--something that no California Indian in early days ever saw or heard of!

As to the picture to which you refer, it is impossible to comply with your request for the use of it. It took me several years to obtain permission from the aged artist who painted it; and permission was given with the distinct understanding that it was to be used only by me personally in a technical paper on Yosemite Indians.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

November 7, 1927

Mr. William Urlass
McCarthy
Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October 21 has been forwarded to me by the Smithsonian Institution.

In former years I have paid good prices for perfect skulls of Alaska Bears, particularly old males. The available fund, however, has grown so small that I am no longer able to pay such prices. At the same time, I can pay from five to eight dollars apiece for skulls of fully adult males but not nearly so much for females and young bears.

Very truly yours
C. Hart Merriam

In case you send any skulls, please attach a label to each one stating the place where killed, the approximate date, and your own name and address. Skulls should be securely packed and sent by express, charges collect, addressed 'U. S. Biological Survey, Washington, D. C.'

November 7, 1927

C. S. Hammond & Company
60 Franklin Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Sirs:

Referring to your undated circular letter received a few days ago, together with a relief map of Switzerland, would say that Switzerland is a long way from home and we already have excellent maps of its territory in the admirable foreign atlases.

When sending sample maps to Americans, why not send one of our own states. I, for instance, would be glad to see your maps of California and Nevada.

Very truly yours
C. Hart Merriam

November 7, 1927

Mr. John C. Jack
Box 556, Summerside
Prince Edward Island

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October 21, addressed to the Washington Academy of Sciences, has been referred to me for reply.

Our North American Foxes are arranged in four groups as follows:

The Red Foxes, Vulpes fulvus group, of the northern parts of North America.

The Kit Foxes, Vulpes macrotis group, (including also the Plains Kit Fox, Vulpes velox).

The Arctic Foxes, Vulpes lagopus group, regarded by some authors as constituting a separate genus, Alopex.

The Gray Foxes, genus Urocyon, comprising a number of species and subspecies inhabiting the southern parts of North America and adjacent islands of the West Coast and ranging north to northeastern New England.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

November 7, 1927

Mr. Russell Reid
Bismarck
North Dakota

My dear Mr. Reid:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me a copy of your paper on the Birds and Mammals observed by Lewis and Clark in North Dakota, which I am very glad to add to my Mammal library.

Some years ago I had the Mammal matter of Lewis and Clark taken out of the Thwaites reprint for future use. Unfortunately there was difficulty in fixing some of the localities. It is good that you have done this for the North Dakota records.

With best wishes

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

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Nov. 19, 1927.

Fred Lockley,
1243 E. Stark Street,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my check for $7.50 for which please send "River of the West" by Mrs. Victor, as advertized in your list No. 266 recently received and herewith returned.

Very turly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

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Nov. 19, 1927.

Capt. R.T. Bonnin, Secy.-Treas.
National Council of American Indians
37 Bliss Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Bonnin:

The announcement of the activities of the National Council of American Indians during the past two years has just come to hand. I am very glad to see that Mrs. Bonnin has been able to accomplish so much. I am much pleased also to see the appropriate and attractive picture on your letter-head. It is admirable.

I know nothing of the pending legislation for the relief of Indians, but trust that something of importance may be accomplished during the coming winter.

My dues for the current year are enclosed herewith (one dollar).

With best wishes to Mrs. Bonnin and yourself,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

November 21, 1927

Attention, Mr. R. C. Snow

C. S. Hammond & Company
60 Franklin Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of November 11 and for the California sheets of your New World Loose Leaf Atlas.

I am disappointed in your California product for several reasons: It carries far too many names in view of the size of the sheet so that a person with ordinary eyesight must use a reading glass. In many places it is inaccurate, particularly in the courses and names of streams. For instance, on the south side of Clear Lake in Lake County two streams are shown instead of four and the name "Finley Cr." is printed midway between the two so that it is impossible to say to which it belongs. Furthermore, I am not aware of any creek by that name although I have worked about the Lake for nearly forty years and made four trips there the past summer. Neither did I ever hear of the place given as 'Clearlake' on the east side of Lower Lake on your map, although it may be a recent name for a possible post office on one of the bathing beaches on this side. The outline of the Lake itself is horribly distorted and out of all proportion to its true form.

Turning to the northeastern part of the map:

The three Alkali Lakes are dry mud flats, and the same was true last summer of the much larger Goose Lake. Horse Lake, east of Eagle Lake is a dry desert flat, wet in former years, and Honey Lake is nearly dry.

The great valleys of California, striking features both from the scenic and agricultural standpoints, are nowhere indicated so far as I have been able to see. But the most outstanding deficiency of both sheets is that they fail utterly to show the splendid mountain ranges for which the State is famous and which determine most of its industries. The same is true of the notable deserts. I fail to see the names of such outstanding features as the Colorado Desert and the Mohave Desert.

Of what possible use are the multitudes of names printed about San Francisco Bay and the Los Angeles region? Many of them are local place names where there is only a single house and in some cases, as "Camp Taylor," for instance, no house at all. To my mind, the thing is a horrible example of what not to do.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

November 21, 1927

Dr. H. C. Bumpus
National Park Service
Duxbury, Massachusetts

My dear Doctor Bumpus:

It was good of you to take the trouble to write me so fully about what Mr. Russell, Park Naturalist, is doing in the way of natural history and life zone exhibits. I knew he was doing good work, but had no idea that he had gone into the exhibition matter so deeply. Of course, I feel complimented that he is making so much of the display of material illustrative of the life zones outlined by me so long ago, and it will give me much pleasure to send him copies of more recent faunal maps than the preliminary one to which you refer in North American Fauna No. 3. I have published several since then.

Are you now located in California, or where? Should be mighty glad to see you at any time when you have time to spare in Washington, or in summer at my field headquarters at Lagunitas, California.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

November 21, 1927

Dr. C. G. Abbot
Acting Secretary
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Abbot:

Pardon my delay in sending you the separate of my appreciation of William H. Dall from Science of April 8 last.

I am glad that you are going to reprint this in the Appendix to the Smithsonian Report as the demand for it has been so great that there were nowhere near enough copies to go around. The copy asked for is herewith.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Would have replied earlier but have been wholly occupied with the recent meetings of the American Ornithologists' Union.

November 21, 1927

Mr. Allen Johnson
Editor, Dictionary of American Biography
602 Hill Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your request of the 18th instant for an article on Doctor William H. Dall, would say that I published an appreciation of him in Science of April 8, 1927. I have no time to write another article.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

November 21, 1927

Mrs. Agnes Chase
U.S. National Museum
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Chase:

Thanks for notifying me that the Journal of the Washington Academy is running low on material.

I have several articles in process of completion and, when they are finished, if there is still room, will be glad to send one of them to you.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

November 22, 1927

Secretary
San Diego Society of Natural History
San Diego, California

Dear Sir:

I am anxious to obtain a number of publications of your Society, and have taken the following titles from the list published on a paper by Laurence Huey:

Vol. 1,	No. 1,	1905	$ .35
2,	3,	1916	.25
3,	2,	1919, Feb.	.25
3,	3,	1921, Apr.	.25
3,	4,	1921, Apr.	.25
5,	1,	1927, Feb. 2 copies @ .25	.50
5,	2,	1927, July 14,	.25
			$2.10

My check for the amount, $2.10 is enclosed herewith. Please send these by express, charges collect, addressed to me at

1919 Sixteenth Street
Washington, D.C.

Very truly yours
C. Hart Merriam

November 22, 1927

Mr. H. H. Pittman
Wauchope
Saskatchewan
Canada

Dear Mr. Pittman:

Thanks for yours of the 14th instant enclosing a few photographs. I am retaining the two small ones of the young coyote from east of Moose Mountain, and the muskrat sleeping and the one of the muskrat hut, four in all, for which my check of $8.00 is enclosed. Kindly send a receipt which I may use for a sub-voucher in the November account.

I was interested in the buffalo hump photographs but they did not seem to me to show with sufficient clearness the features they were intended to illustrate. Furthermore, they seemed to indicate that the animal was young inasmuch as the hump spines in an old bull are vastly longer.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours
C. Hart Merriam

The prints not retained were returned to you by mail yesterday.

November 22, 1927

Mrs. J. N. Sunderland
396 East 199 Street
New York City

My dear Mrs. Sunderland:

Your letter of yesterday, just received, gives me a feeling of deep regret.

When you were here last Spring, I fully intended to spend some time with the Karok Indians on Klamath River; but, owing to pressure of work in other parts of the State including several trips to the same places in order to find old Indians who were absent at previous visits, I was obliged to return to Washington without going to the far northern part of the State at all. This was a matter of serious regret both on account of the information I expected to obtain for you and other information needed in connection with my own work.

I fully expect to visit the Klamath country early next season and, if that is not too late, shall be very glad to secure the data you wish.

But I am surprised at the necessity for this information as I felt quite sure that you had enough to meet the requirements of the Indian Office.

With regrets and kind regards,

Very truly yours

C. Hoke Minnick

November 22, 1927

Mr. C. L. Harding
President, Juvenile Protective Association
1000 Vermont Avenue
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Harding:

Your appeal for funds hits a soft spot in our hearts and I very much regret that our family is not in a position to help.

During the past few years I have written your organization from California at least twice expressing our interest in the work and at the same time stating that our family is straining our feeble resources in the interest of California Indians. Most of these Indians, as you may know, are very much in need of financial and substantial aid. We help them in the way of clothing and food for winter. Since it is unwise in most cases to give them cash, we generally arrange with some responsible storekeeper in the general region of the very needy and have him deliver supplies at intervals through the winter.

Since most of these Indians are in extreme poverty, many of them very old and unable to work, we have felt it our duty to do what we can to help them out. This is the only reason we have not contributed to the Juvenile Protective Association of Washington.

With best wishes, Very truly yours

C. Hoke Minnick

November 22, 1927

Mr. Howard Jepson
Moorhead
Iowa

Dear Mr. Jepson:

Replying to your inquiry as to whether a chunk of lead weighing one pound, if dropped into a six-mile depth of ocean, would sink, or stay somewhere between top and bottom, would say that, being a naturalist instead of a physicist, I did not feel quite qualified to answer. So, I passed the question to Doctor Fred Wright, a distinguished physicist at the Geophysical Laboratory, and he replies that the chunk of lead would immediately drop to the bottom and that it would reach bottom even if the depth were much greater than six miles.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

November 22, 1927

Mr. Carl Russell
Park Naturalist
Yosemite National Park
California

My dear Mr. Russell:

A letter just received from Dr. H. C. Bumpus [with a carbon which I assume was enclosed by mistake and which I am returning herewith] tells me of the good work you are doing in the way of exhibiting the life zones. This is a surprise as well as a delight to me. But Professor Bumpus tells me that you are using my map of 1890, published twenty-seven years ago! This gives me the shivers for the reason that I have since published at least four later editions. While these maps are on too small a scale to make very much difference with the treatment of California nevertheless you should have the latest data. I therefore take pleasure in sending you by this mail a set of the zone maps issued by me since 1900.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam.

November 28, 1927

Mr. Henry T. Schnittkind
President, Stratford Company
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 21st instant, for which I am obliged.

I have gone over the manuscript again and think I have made it uniform in the matter of spellings and hyphens. I have used hyphens in the first printing of the Indian word and all along in the headings; but otherwise have indicated that they be printed solid.

Your copy of the contract is enclosed herewith.

I am returning the manuscript today by express, prepaid and insured.

The illustrations and index I expect to send you tomorrow or the day after.

Very truly yours
C. Hart Merriam

The Indian Indian
is nearly complete

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November 29, 1927

Mr. Henry T. Schnittkind
President, Stratford Company
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing the index and illustrations for An-nik-a-del.

Since writing you a few days ago, I hunted through my photographs of the Mo-des-ta country, taken just twenty years ago, with the result that I have added three to those shown you before making in all seven. I think these will add greatly to the value and appearance of the book.

Very truly yours

If, as seems probable, you don't want to set up the index till the book is in page proof, kindly return it and I will mix the correct pages and send it back as soon as the page arrives.

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Dec. 1, 1927

Dr. Henry T. Schnittkind
Stratford Company, Boston

My dear Sir:

Replying to your special delivery letter of yesterday, would say that in my letter of Nov. 28 which accompanied the manuscript, I said, "I have put hyphens in the first printing of the Indian word, and all along in the headings; but otherwise have indicated that they be printed solid". This seems to be the information for which you ask.

I did make an exception, however, of the short words "To'-kis" and "Jā'-mul" as otherwise they might be pronounced "Tok-is" and "Jam-ul". I do not recollect any other exceptions, though I may, of course, have made a few slips. If so I will pay for their correction. So the printer had better follow copy.

Very truly yours
C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 2, 1927

Mr. N. W. Dorsey
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for the month of November amounting to $89.44, together with the vouchers mentioned below, all of which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Miss Barbara Hastings, services as asst. $125.00
Miss Zenaida Merriam, services as asst. 74.00
Miss Winifred M. Pomeroy, services as stenog. 35.00
Miss Adelaide Borah, services as stenog. 38.00

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street, Washington, D.C.

Nov. 2	Underwood Typewriter Co. Repairing machine		1	15
3	Brentano's: Skinner's Yellowstone Nature Book	1	2	50
4	E. Morrison Paper Co. 100 9x12 Manila envelopes	2	2	00
7	Macmillan Co.: Hambly's History of Tattooing	3	7	50
15	Allen's Press Clipping Bureau. Clippings for Oct.	4	3	00
15	Marquis Co.: Who's Who in America for 1928	5	7	90
15	Outdoor Life (Denver) for 1928.		2	50
16	1 box corresp. cards; 6 pkgs. no. 96 envelopes	6	1	90
16	E. Morrison Paper Co. 1 qt. Sanford's Flo-Gum	7	1	50
18	Field and Stream for 1928.		2	50
18	Nat. Council Am Inds.		1	00
19	Fred Lockley, Portland, Oreg. Victor's "River of the West" $7.50; expressage .32.		7	82
20	N. H. Kent, Photo negatives and enlargements	8	6	20
22	H. H. Pittman, Wauchope, Sask. 4 photos coyotes and muskrat.		8	00
22	San Diego Nat. Hist. Soc. Proceedings		2	10
30	Gas: Oct. 25 to Nov. 25 $7.30 1/3 of $7.30=$2.43	9	2	43
30	El. current Oct. 18 to Nov. 17 $5.44. 1/3 of $5.44=$1.81	10	1	81
	Stamped envelopes and postage		1	28
	Pins .5; 3 pkgs. photo corners .30			35
	Streetcar fares on errands		1	00
	Calif. Indian Brotherhood (Stephen Knight, Pres. Ukiah, Calif.)		25	00
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C. Hart Merriam

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Dec. 2, 1927

Dr. A. L. Kroeber
Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Kroeber:

Owing to even more than usual pressure of accumulated work, I have delayed replying to your letter of Oct. 27.

I had hoped to send Doctor Lowie the article about the boundary between the "Yuke" of the Mount St. Helena region and the Olayome of the east side long before this, and shall probably do so in a few days.

No, I would not think of writing a new article on Indian population in California at the present time for the reason that I am, and shall be in the near future, completely overwhelmed by more important work. It must be remarked in passing, however, that since publishing my former article on the subject, I have obtained from Indians the names and sites of several thousand additional villages.

I await with interest the publication of Kniffen's article on the Pit River region.

About the Karok: I cannot make any promises but shall be very glad to prepare the article you wish on Karok geography if I can possibly squeeze it in between

other pieces of work. I have the names and locations of more than 90 of their villages as well as the tribal boundaries. They did not reach up stream to "Seiad Valley"; that belonged to the Shaste.

In your Handbook (page 582) you say the "northwestern Maidu call the Northern Paiute near them Monozi or Mona, which are evidently forms of Monachi and Mono". Is not the word "northwestern" in this case a slip for northeastern, meaning Notokoiyo?

Very truly yours
C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 2, 1927

Dr. John C. Merriam, President
Carnegie Institution of Washington

Dear J. C.:

Replying to your inquiry in behalf of your friend Dr. Sarah Hobson of Chicago as to literature relating to the Wintoon Indians of California, would suggest the following:

Powers, Tribes California, Chap. 25 "The Win-tum", pp. 229-242, 1877.

Handbook Amer. Indians, Vol.2, "Wintun" p. 963, 1910.

Kroeber, Handbook Calif. Indians, pp. 351-391, 1925.

The Wintun Hesi Ceremony, S. A. Barrett, Univ. Calif. Pubs., 1919.

Creation Myths of Primitive America, Jeremiah Curtin, 1903, (a book of 532 pages mainly Wintoon).

The above references are to the Wintoon proper. If your correspondent is interested in the Wintoon stock as a whole, we should be obliged to include a considerable number of tribes which differ materially in language and customs from the Northern Wintoon.

Very truly yours
C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 2, 1927

Dr. Franz Boas
Columbia University
New York City

My dear Dr. Boas:

Replying to your letter of Nov. 28, would say that I agree with what you say about nominating an Anthropologist for the next meeting of the National Academy, and also agree with you in your selection of a candidate.

I have written Professor Cattell.

Very truly yours
C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 5, 1927

Mr Horace Baker, Sales Department
Stratford Company, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of November 30, I am enclosing herewith a brief description of 'Annikadel', together with an autobiographical sketch of my activities. This is much longer than you want, and I shall be glad if you will cut it down to suit your needs.

The address lists you ask for will be forwarded in a day or two.

As to the word "Dr": it should appear on the cover and advertizing matter. On the title page I have written MD instead, but really do not care which you use. The point is that in my case it is not a decorative title, for having practiced medicine and surgery a number of years, I am entitled to it.

Very truly yours
C. Hart Merriam

See following pages, 635-639

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Dr C Hart Merriam, naturalist, physician, and ethnologist, was born Dec. 5, 1855. His early years were passed at the home of his father, Hon Clinton L. Merriam, at Locust Grove, New York, near the western edge of the Adirondacks.

From early boyhood his dominant interests were in the field of natural history. Beginning with insects and birds, which he commenced to collect in 1867, his activities soon expanded to cover mammals and reptiles, then marine invertebrates and plants, and still later the native Indian tribes of the far west.

Convinced that no man ever became a naturalist by book learning alone, he trained himself for field work, and though for many years occupied in positions involving a distressing amount of administrative and routine detail, managed to carry on field work in nearly every state of the Union, in Alaska, Canada, Newfoundland, southern Labrador, and Bermuda.

When only sixteen (in 1872), he was appointed Naturalist

of the Government Survey of the Territories (known as the Hayden Survey) and made extensive collections in Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming.

In 1875, while a student in the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale, he was appointed vacation assistant on the U.S. Fish Commission with headquarters at Woods Hole, Massachusetts; and

after three yaers of laboratory work at Yale, he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York, from which he was graduated in Feb. 1879. For seven years thereafter he parcticed medicine and surgery in Northern New York, with annual vacations in the field. In 1883, as surgeon on the SS 'Proteus' , he visited the Newfoundland Seal Fishery on the ice floes between Labrador and Greenland. In 1885 he organized a Division of Ornithology in the Department of Agriculture and soon converted it into a Biological Survey of North America, of which he was chief for twenty-five years.

Among the more inportant of his Biological Surveys in the far west were those of San Francisco Mountain, Arizona, including the Painted Desert and a section of the Grand Canyon; the Death Valley region and neighboring deserts in California, Nevada, and Utah; the Snake Plains and adjacent mountains of Idaho, and Mount Shasta in Northern California.

In 1891 he was sent to Bering Sea as U.S. Fur Seal Commissioner; and in 1900 again visited Alaska and Bering Sea as Secretary of the Harriman Alaska expedition.

In 1910 he resigned from the Biological Survey to continue natural history and ethnological investigations under a special fund established in the Smithsonian Institution by Mrs. E.H. Harriman.

In addition to other exacting duties, he served on the U.S. Geographic Board for twenty years -- eight years as chairman; and was a member of a committee appointed by the Academy of Sciences to formulate plans for a National University at Washington.

He is one of the few surviving founders of the National Geographic Society on whose Board of Directors he has served continuously for thirty-nine years.

The serious study of the Indian tribes of California and Nevada was begun about thirty years ago and for the past seventeen years the major part of his time has been devoted to this subject.

His publications in zoology, botany, and anthropology embrace upward of five hundred titles, among the more noteworthy of which are: The Birds of Connecticut (1877); Mammals of the Adirondacks (1884); Biological Survey of San Francisco Mountain region and Desert of Little Colorado (1890); Geographic Distribution of Life in North America (1892); Trees, Shrubs, Cactuses, and Yuccas of the Desth Valley Expedition (1893); Laws of Temperature Control of the Geographic Distribution of terrestrial Animals and Plants (1894); Life Zones and Crop Zones of the United States (1898); Biological Survey

(Bogoslof Volcano in Bering Sea (1901); of Mount Shasta (1899); Distribution of Indian tribes in the Southern Sierra and adjacent parts of the San Joaquin Valley, California (1904); Distribution and Classification of the Mewan tribes of California (1907); Dawn of the World: Weird Tales of the Mewan Indians of California (1910); Review of the Grizzly and Big Brown Bears of America (1917); Classification and Distribution of the Pit River Indian tribes of California (1926).

Dec. 5, 1927
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Dec. 6, 1927

Collector of Taxes
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my check on the National Metropolitan Bank for $417.41, the amount of the accompanying tax bill received today, including the penalty of $6.17.

Will you kindly tell me why these bills are not sent to house owners as they used to be? If the bill had been sent before falling due it would have been forwarded to my California address and would have been paid at once. Busy men need a reminder.

Of course I realize that this penalty business is good fishing, adding materially to the District revenues, but is it honest? It does not cost any more to send a bill when due than it does to wait until someone writes for it, the postage being the same in both cases.

Very truly yours
C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 7, 1927

Dr Melvin R. Gilmore
Museum American Indian
Hayo Foundation, New York City

Dear Dr. Gilmore:

Great pressure of work has delayed me in replying to your inquiry of November 21 in regard to the use of honeydew by Indians.

Honeydew is gathered by some of the southerly Yokut tribes and certain others, but although I've hunted for several hours, I've not found it in my notes. The labor of digging it out of my material on 144 tribes of Indians of California and Nevada is so time consuming that I simply cannot go on with it at present.

With regrets that I am unable to find what you wish, and with kind regards,

Very truly yours
C. Hart Merriam

Original Defective

Dec. 9, 1927

Fred Lockley
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

Your list No. 277 arrived several days ago and is returned herewith. I have not tried to read it as it is altogether too faint for my old eyes.

Why is it that you do not send receipts for money received for books? I have several times explained to you that the books I buy are for official use and that a receipt is required as a voucher before my account can be properly audited. You sent no receipt for the last book I purchased, namely Mrs Victor's "River of the West", $7.50. It is a nuisance to have to ask for a proper receipt every time I order a book.

Very truly yours,

C. Harrison

Dec. 9, 1927

Alvah Bushnell Company
13th and Wood Streets
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

Thanks for the sample Vertex File Pocket which you were kind enough to send me a week or two ago. I like it except for the bottom and shall be obliged if you will send me 50 of them (letter size) for which my check of $8.13 is enclosed herewith.

The only objection I see to this pocket is the stiff corrugations on the bottom which, unless entirely full, throw the enclosed manuscripts up unevenly and sometimes injure the edge next to the bottom.

Very truly yours
C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 9, 1927

Doctor Wilfred H. Osgood
Field Museum Natural History
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Osgood:

Thanks for your appreciative notice of Fuertes, whose untimely end we all regret with deepest sorrow.

You and he must have had a wonderful trip in Abyssinnia and must have obtained a considerable number of most interesting mammals and birds -- doubtless some that are new.

We missed you at the recent A.O.U. meeting, the first I have attended for some years. There were many new faces, but the older members are disappearing rapidly.

With best wishes,

As ever yours
C. Hart Merriam

Attention of M.S. Kinlens Dec. 14, 1927

Stratford Company, Publishers
289 Congress Street, Boston

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 12th instant enclosing the first four galleys of Annikadel. In reply to your inquiry, would say that I am entirely satisfied with the style of composition.

In the case of the words "FIRST PEOPLE" and "ANIMAL PEOPLE" which occur a number of times in the volume, please print either wholly in small caps or in caps and small caps as you prefer.

In a previous letter to Mr Schnittkind, I asked to have the Indian names hyphenated the first time they occur in the book, afterward printed solid with or without accents, as indicated. I asked also for two exceptions, namely Jā'-mul and Tō'-kis which I then felt should be both accented and hyphenated. But on seeing your proof I see that the accent separates the syllables sufficiently, so that after the first use of the name the hyphen may be omitted. I think this will apply to everything except the Contents and Index, in both of which it seems better to retain both hyphens and accents.

In cases where you write out numerals having the fraction ½, please always write "a half", never "one half". "One half" is one of my pet abominations.

I am returning proof and copy herewith, special delivery.

Very truly yours

Dec. 15, 1927

Science Press
Grand Central Terminal
New York City

Dear Sir:

Is it utterly impossible for your bookkeeper to follow instructions as to the mailing address of Science and Science Monthly? I have had to write you three letters this fall (and two previously) in order to correct missendings of Science.

And now on looking the matter up, I find I have not received the Science Monthly for either November or December, after you had specific directions for mailing it. I shall be obliged therefore if you will kindly have the November and December numbers of Science Monthly sent to me at my winter address, 1919 16th St., Washington, D.C.

I am a very busy man and it certainly is exasperating to be obliged to write five or six letters in order to have publications (not are) paid for in advance, sent to my correct address.

Very truly yours
C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 15, 1927

Dr Henry C. Schnittkind, President
The Stratford Company
Boston, Massachusetts

My dear Sir:

Some days ago I sent Mr Horace C. Baker of your department, a brief description of Annikadel, together with the autobiographic sketch he wrote for.

In compliance with his request, I am sending you herewith a rather extensive list of acquaintances and scientific men, mainly anthropologists and ornithologists -- in all more than 14 hundred -- which I believe will cover the addresses asked for. It has been quite a job.

Mr Baker asked for a list of immediate personal friends. I passed my 73rd birthday a short time ago, so you will readily see that most of my intimate friends have gone before me.

Mr Baker asked also for a list of book sellers who might make an effort to push the book. I am not intimately acquainted with any book sellers, but am enclosing a brief list of several who might handle the book to advantage.

Am enclosing also a list of periodicals likely to give a fair review of the book.

Yesterday I returned four galleys galley proof received the previous afternoon, together with an explanatory note to the publisher. I am much pleased with the typography and general make-up.

Very truly yours

Dec. 18, 1927

Mr M. S. Kinlens
Stratford Co., Boston

Dear Sir:

Your's with revise galleys (1-4 Annikadel) received last evening and returned herewith.

You will notice one or two slight corrections; otherwise O K.

As to the numbering of footnotes: In the MS they are numbered independently for each page. I see no objection to continuous numbering for the whole book.

Very truly yours,

C. Mc Harrison

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Dec. 19, 1927

Mr R. S. Rodman
Lakeport, California

My dear Mr Rodman:

Is there such a thing as a good map of Clear Lake showing with reasonable accuracy the various points and islands? If so, and you will kindly tell me where it may be obtained, I shall be greatly obliged.

With kind regards to yourself and Mrs Rodman from all of our family,

Very truly yours

C. H. Merriam

Dec. 19, 1927

Chief Clerk Indian Office
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:

I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me two copies of the last Report of the Indian Office.

Several times recently the California newspapers have mentioned a man by the name of C.W. Sells (variously written as Cells and Dells). He was mentioned as in charge of education at Riverside and also as lecturing in various places. I do not know any such man, and am wondering if he could have replaced Professor F.M. Conser as superintendent of Sherman. Can you tell me who he is?

Very truly yours

C. H. Merriam

Dec. 19, 1927

Mr Laurence M. Huey
Museum, Balboa Park
San Diego, California

My dear Mr. Huey:

The duplicate copies of your papers, for which I wrote some time ago, have arrived, along with several by F. Stevens, for all of which I am very much obliged.

But the bill for these was neither in your letter nor with the pamphlets. I had previously received and paid a bill from the society for several papers including duplicates of some of these, but no bill for those you last sent. This is embarrassing and if you will let me know the price I will remit at once.

With best wishes for your forthcoming trip into the Penninsula,

Very truly yours

Dec. 19, 1927

Editor American Forests
1523 L Street N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Again I regret to feel obliged to call your attention to a very unfortunate feature of your December number.

An article by Miss Margaret R. Davis, beginning on page 732, tells about a pet Whitetail Deer fawn from Louisiana. The atricle is interestingly written and the picture of the fawn on the first page is pleasant to look at. But why on earth have you put a blemish on the whole thing by introducing a picture of a Rocky Mountain Mule Deer buck, thus throwing discredit on the article itself -- for the picture is labeled "Jim -- grown up now". And how could such a faked picture, with the forehead mutilated and the antlers coming out of the ears, pass anyone's scrutiny?

Is it not a pity that so useful a journal should be defased by fakes and untruths?

Very truly yours

Dec. 19, 1927

Mr Edward Howe Forbush
State House, Boston

Dear Mr Frobush:

Please accept my sincere thanks for the second volume of your great book on the birds of Massachusetts, just received. It is a matter of congratulation, not only for yourself and friends, but also for ornithologists in general to possess such a complete and beautifully illustrated work.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours

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Dec.19, 1927

Dr Gilbert Grosvenor
President National
Geographic Society

Dear Dr Grosvenor:

Taking advantage of your kind offer of the 14th instant, I am returning herewith the blank sent me, with the spaces filled with the addresses of persons to whom I should be very glad to have the Society's books sent, as indicated.

Thanking you for the privilege,

Very truly yours,

Dec. 21, 1927

Mr P. Martinelli
Lagunitas, California

My dear Mr Martinelli:

Your letter which came today is most welcome. We are delighted to know that you have burned the brush, and that there is no serious leak in the house; and we are glad also to know that all of you are well.

In accordance with you memorandum, I am including herewith a check for $12.50 for the brush burning.

We have been having a severe cold spell with a very sharp stiff wind from the northwest, which is just beginning to let up a little.

A letter came this noon from our daughter Dorothy, saying that she and her husband and children leave Cambridge tomorrow morning for Washington to be with us over Christmas, which is good news.

With kindest regards to you all from all of us,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 21, 1927

Mrs Helen O. Trotter
5314 Shafter Avenue
Oakland, California

My dear Mrs Trotter:

Your letter of the 15th instant is good news. I am more than glad that I may have the benefit of your expert assistance in the near future; and I shall be glad to have you begin as soon as you can conveniently close your house in Oakland -- the sooner the better from my standpoint.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 25, 1927

Miss Ethel Blohm
Mineral Hall, University
Berkeley, California

My dear Miss Blohm:

One of our friends has told us an interesting tale about you. He says you are interested in natural history, careful, accurate, reliable, faithful, and also a good stenographer and typist--a rather rare combination.

And furthermore, he thinks you are young enuf to become interested in a new field--which in my case is Indiana,--and might develop into a valuable assistant for me.

My work is in general natural history and anthropology, from both out- and indoor stands.

My California base is a comfortable home at Lagunitas in Marin County, which is headquarters for about half of each year. The coming spring I expect to reach Lagunitas in late May or early June. One wife and one daughter accompany me in driving across the continent, and in most of the field work.

If you are interested, let me hear from you.

Very truly yours,

Original Defective

Dec. 27, 1927

Franciscan Fathers
Santa Barbara, California

Please send me one copy of each of the following volumes: San Diego Mission, Santa Barbara Mission, Mission Dolores, and San Gabriel Mission for which I am enclosing a check for $10.60.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Please do not fail to send receipt.

Dec. 27, 1927

Alvah Bushnell Company
13th and Woods Streets
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sirs:

On December 9 I sent you my check of $8.13 for fifty of your Vertex File Pockets. These have not yet been received, but I have a telephone message from the Biological Survey stating that a package erroneously addressed to me at the Smithsonian Institution has been sent to a room I sometimes occupy in the National Museum. This may be the file pockets in question. But why on earth should you send them to the Smithsonian Institution more than two miles away from my office when my address, 1919 16th Street, is plainly printed on my letterheads?

Very truly yours

Dec. 31,1927

Mr Henry T. Schnittkind, President
The Stratford Co.,Publishers
Boston, Mass.

My dear Sir:

In accordance with our contract for the publication of Annikadel, galley proof of which has just been recieved, I am enclosing herewith my check for five hundred and seventy five dollars ($575).

Am reading the proof and will return in a few days.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 3,1928

Mrs Helen O. Trotter
5314 Shafter Ave
Oakland, Calif.

My dear Mrs Trotter:

Your's of Dec.28 just received. Glad that you may be expected soon after the middle of the month.

But don't hunt for me at the Smithsonian for I'm not there as a rule more than two or three times a year. At both ends of the line (Lagunitas and Washington) my office is in my house.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Jan. 3,1928

Pruitt & Zimmerman
2438 18th Street
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is my check for $135.46 in payment of your terrible bill.

Can you tell me positively whether wire nests were placed in all the downspout openings? I spoke to your men several times about this and want to be sure that I am protected against the spring nesting materials always brought by the English Sparrows.

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 4, 1928

Mr N.W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for the month of December, amounting to $63.08, together with the accompanying vouchers listed below, which I shall be obliged if you will pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

I am including a sub voucher for Mrs Victor's, River of the West, $7.50, which should have accompanied the November account, but had not then been received.

With best wishes and greetings of the season

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Zenaida Merriam, services as assistant	$ 48.00
Barbara Hastings, services as assistant	125.00
Mrs Mabel P. Hollister, services as assistant	95.00
Mrs Grace G. Money, services stenog-typist	33.33

1919 16th St., Washington, D.C.

Expense account for Dec. 1927.

1927		Sub-V.	
Dec. 7	Publications San Diego Society Nat. Hist.		2 10
13	Allen's Press Clippings for Nov. (Indians)	1	3 00
13	Subscription Rod & Gun in Canada 1928	2	2 00
13	Daniel H. Newhall, Mondot's Histoire Indiens	3	3 50
13	50 Alvah Bushnell Paperoid "Vertex" File pockets	4	8 13
14	Remington typewriter repairs	5	1 25
27	Franciscan Fathers, 4 Vols. Mission Records		10 60
29	Miller-Dudley Co. repairing lamp for office safe		1 25
29	Journal Heredity		3 00
31	Journal Washington Academy Science		5 00
31	Directory (Science Press) Am. Men of Science		6 00
31	Gas, Nov. 25-Dec. 27, $10.30. 1/3 of $10.30=$3.43	6	3 43
	Elec. Current, Nov. 17-Dec. 17, $8.19. 1/3 of $8.19 = $2.73	7	2 73
	Isaah Earl, cleaning office windows and waxing floor		4 30
	Charwoman, cleaning office rooms month Dec.		4 00
	Postage		54
	Bus fares		80
	Higgins eternal ink, .15, erasers .30, 25 carbon sheets $1.00		1 45
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C. Hart Merriam
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Jan. 6, 1928

The Stratford Company
Mr M. S. Kinlens
289 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts

My dear Sir:

The galley proof of Amikadel (galleys 1-52) arrived several days ago and is herewith returned with corrections.

In sending me page proof be sure to send two copies so that I may have one to work with in paging the contents and index. Also please be sure to return this corrected galley with the page.

I assume that you will hold the contents until the book is in page so that the pages may be correctly entered. If you wish me to attend to this, please return manuscript contents, pages 3 and 4. But if you set contents without returning to me, please follow copy for hyphens and accents.

Very truly yours

January 9,1928

Hon. Lynn J. Frazier
Senate Committee on
Indian Affairs

My dear Sir:

In view of the proposed Senate Investigation of Indian matters I wish to express my conviction that there is crying need of a searching inquiry of this kind.

It is now fifty five years since I listened in Idaho to complaints of Shoshone and Bannok Indians against their treatment by the Government. And during the past forty years, in the course of fieldwork among the Indians of Nevada and California, I have been in personal contact with the poverty, misery, and utter hopelessness of members of some 150 tribes in these states. The progressive confiscation of their lands and homes, the cutting off of their normal food supplies, the distances they have been driven from sources of employment, the lack of medical care for the sick and aged, the lack of proper treatment for the dread trachoma, have left a large proportion of the survivors in a pitifully helpless condition.

And the Indian Service, once supposed to guard their interests, appears to have faced about in order to defend the Government against the just claims of the Indians.

What good does it do California Indians to know--assuming that they do know--that the Indian Office has a representative in Sacramento and another in southern California? How are they to raise the money necessary for a trip of several

hundred miles--perhaps nearly a thousand--to see one of these men? And if they should succeed in finding him, what reason is there to believe that he would help them?

In the few cases I have known where one of these Government agents had actually visited an Indian village or reservation and promised to come again, I have yet to find the Indian or place he has visited a second time.

Not very long ago an Indian agent in California collected money (70 dollars I believe) from a white man for pasturing his stock on an Indian's land. When the Indian owner asked the agent for his money he was told that nothing was comimg to him, the money collected being necessary for the agents automobile expenses, and so on!

Is it not proper to ask, in view of the well known confiscation of Indian lands by the whites throughout the length and breadth of California --lands that have brought our people hundreds of millions of dollars without the payment of so much as a dollar therefor, what we have given them in return? The answer is obvious: starvation, tuberculosis, gonorrhoea, syphilis, blindness from trachoma and neglect.

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 11, 1928

Dr Charles G. Abbott, Secretary
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Abbott:

The good news that you have finally decided to accept the Secretaryship of the Smithsonian, and have actually been appointed, came to us in the evening paper. It is reassuring to know that the policies of the Institution will suffer no radical interruption.

While the duties of your high office will necessarily continue to encroach, perhaps increasingly, on your time as an investigator, your friends feel that the splendid work you have been doing will be carried on under your watchful eye by assistants you have yourself trained.

And it is good to know that an end has come to the feeling of unrest incident to the uncertainty of the past months concerning what the impending change of head might mean to the Institution. This will be a relief not only to the staff of the Smithsonian, but also to its numerous collaborators and admirers.

With best wishes and kindest regards

Very truly yours

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Jan. 17, 1928.

Mr. Samuel Lopez
Crescent City, Calif.

Dear Mr. Lopez:

Your letter of December 12 reached me in due course and I should have replied earlier except for the fact that there has not been much to say. I have been to both the House and the Senate Committees on Indian Affairs but have not learned much of interest. The Lee Bill (H.R. 491) you already have. I am enclosing herewith a copy of a general bill introduced by the Chairman of the House Committee, Mr. Leavitt (H.R. 7031). This latter bill is intended to replace a similar bill relating specifically to the Indians of California. This one covers all Indians in the United States and, as explained in the bill, turns over to state authorities the part of the annual appropriation for the care of the sick and aged, and for education. It is a good bill and I think it has a good chance of passing.

You ask me particularly to tell you just what the Lee Bill means. This is mighty hard to do because the bill covers a lot of uncertainties. Still, it is better than the old bill which it replaces. If this bill should pass, the first trouble will come when it is necessary to find out how much land was set aside in the different reservations located by the Commissioners

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Another objectionable feature of the bill is that it provides that expenditures under specific appropriations for the support and civilization of Indians in California may be pleaded by way of "set off." This means that the amounts so expended by the Indian Bureau under specific appropriations for California Indians during the past 75 years may be deducted from the total amount due the Indians under this bill.

Still another objectionable feature from my standpoint is that the money appropriated for California Indians, if the bill is passed, must remain in the United States Treasury and can not become available for the Indians until another bill is passed. All of this will take time and no one knows just what the outcome will be.

The old Kahn Bill was vastly better, but Congress would not pass it.

With best wishes to you all.

Very truly yours

C. [illegible]

Jan. 17, 1928.

Mr. Walter Moody
Montgomery Creek, Calif.

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C. [illegible]

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Jan. 17, 1928.

Mr. Jack Williams and Mr. C. E. Eappy
Likely, California

My dear Sirs:

It has been a long time since your letter came, telling me that your people had appointed me as your special representative at Washington to try to influence Congress in your behalf during the legislation of the present winter.

I should have replied sooner but there has really been nothing to say. I have been to both the House and Senate Committees on Indian Affairs and have obtained copies of a couple of bills which I am sending you herewith.

These bills are now before Congress but no one knows what action will be taken on them. As soon as anything does happen I will let you know.

With best wishes to you all.

Very truly yours

C. [illegible]

Jan. 17, 1928.

Mr. R. D. Holmes, Librarian
Seattle Post Intelligencer
Seattle, Washington

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request of January 1, I have written E. L. Mackey of Green River, Wyoming, in reply to his inquiry about big bears. A carbon of my letter is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours

C. [illegible]

Jan. 17, 1928.

Mr. E. L. Mackey
Box 27
Green River, Wyoming

My dear Sir:

Your letter of December 15 addressed to the Seattle Post Intelligencer has been referred to me for reply.

The largest bears in the world are believed to be those on Alaska Peninsula and the neighboring Kodiak Island, although the big bear on the north side of Yakutat Bay is a close second for size. The name of the big brown bear of the Alaska Peninsula is Ursus gyas. The name of the one on Kodiak Island is Ursus middendorffi.

It is hard to tell which is the larger of these two. Both are enormous animals. The Alaska Peninsula species is longer and has a longer and narrower skull. The Kodiak Island one is very thickset and has a remarkably high and broad skull. The maximum weights of these species are believed to be between 1700 and 2000 pounds, but there is not in existence, so far as I am aware, any absolute weight of a whole bear, the animals being so big that they are usually weighed in several parts. The weight of the escaped blood is estimated, but the estimate is based on known figures for cattle.

Very truly yours

Jan. 17, 1928.

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Please pardon my delay in acknowledging your kindness and promptness in sending me the annual statement of the Harriman Fund. It agrees to a penny with our account here and therefore is most satisfactory.

With best wishes.

Very truly yours

Jan. 17, 1928.

Miss Alice Eastwood
Academy of Sciences
Golden Gate Park

Dear Miss Eastwood:

We greatly appreciate the trouble you took in sending us the Manzanita and Garrya in flower, and are particularly pleased to know that they came from our mountain. Glad you did not slip on that bank when you were after them. The specimens arrived in good condition and are decorating a stand in my study. I apologize for the delay in acknowledging your kindness, but as usual I am completely overwhelmed with work.

With best wishes to you all.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 17, 1928.

Mr. P. Martinelli
Legunitas, California

Dear Mr. Martinelli:

We were glad to receive your letter of January 3 and to know that you and your family were pleased with the cattle book. We also think it a fine book.

We are glad to know also that you are having plenty of rain and that you all are well.

Last fall I blazed a lot of trees between our house and Spreckals'. I think they are all sufficiently well marked. Could you find time to cut them or supervise their cutting? The trunks might be cut in two or three lengths and left near where they fall, but the branches and brush should be burned. Probably they could be burned on the road immediately below. If you can attend to this and send me the bill, I shall be greatly obliged.

With best wishes to you all from all of us.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 17, 1928.

Mr. Charles H. Baxter
Whitehorse
Yukon, Canada

My dear Sir:

Your letter inquiring if I am still in the market for grizzly bear skulls has been forwarded to me.

I am not able to pay the high prices formerly paid for bear skulls but am still glad to purchase good skulls for moderate prices ranging from $5.00 to $10.00 each for fully adult skulls, according to sex and locality. Old male skulls, of course, are worth much more than female and immature skulls.

Can you not give me a list of localities with relative age and sex of the skulls you have on hand? As to age, it will be enough to say young, middle-aged or old.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 17, 1928.

Mr. Ernest T. Seton
Greenwich, Conn

Dear Seton:

Your letter of December 31 arrived duly, but until now I have been under too much pressure to examine my files for the flying squirrel clipping you asked about. I have just looked and am sorry to say that I have it not, so can not help you.

Between us I might remark that while I was an ardent admirer of, and contributor to, Forest and Stream during the long period of editorship under George Bird Grinnell and Charles Hallock, I became very tired of it under its more recent administration and finally quit taking it. And I suspect that the clipping you mention, if it came from Forest and Stream, appeared during the period when I was not taking it.

With best wishes.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 17, 1928.

Dr. W. B. Stephens
1250 Bay Street
Alameda, California

Dear Dr. Stephens:

Again I am late in acknowledging your last letter and the little book by the Mormon, Howard Egan, on early days in Utah. It contains a surprisingly large amount of material on the Indians of Utah and is correspondingly interesting and important in my work, for which I am duly thankful.

During the holidays we had our family together for a short period. Dorothy and Henry drove the Dodge back from Cambridge so that we have it to return to California in as early as we may be able to get away from here.

Annikadel is in the hands of the printer and I have already read galley proof but have not yet seen page.

I am trying hard to finish two or three articles on California Indians but the innumerable interruptions, mainly by assistants, take up so much time that some days I seem to get nowhere.

It was good that you were able to take a little rest at Clear Lake. Wish I could have been with you.

We are hoping that the new assistant is turning out a real help and that he will work into your particular harness so that in the near future you may be able to have a little time to run around.

With love to you all, in which Elizabeth and Zenaida join.

As ever yours

Original Defective

Jan. 18, 1928.

Dr. Carl Hartman
Carnegie Institution
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Dr. Hartman:

Your letter of the 4th instant in regard to weights of bears at birth in comparison with that of their mothers reached me duly, but unfortunately I am not able to supply the information you wish.

We have several reliable weights and measures of cubs at birth but in no case, so far as I know, the weight of the mother.

In Forest and Stream of October 18, 1888 (page unfortunately cut off in my clipping) the weights and measurements of three cub Grizzlies, born Jan. 10, 1880, are as follows: first cub, length nose to tip of tail 9 1/8 inches, weight 1 lb. 3½ oz.; second cub, length 10 1/4 inches, weight 1 lb. 2½ oz.; third cub, length 9½ inches, weight 1 lb. 2 oz. These measurements were made by Charles Dury and published in the Journal of the Cincinnati Society of Natural History, April 1881.

Hornaday quotes Dury for the following data concerning a cub three days old: length 9½ inches; weight 1 lb. 2 oz.

A Yellowstone Park Grizzly in the National Zoological Park at Washington gave birth to two or three cubs (number uncertain) Jan. 15, 1913. One of these cubs, measured by myself on Jan. 20, the day of its death, measured 230 mm. (9 1/16 in.) and weighed 9 oz. 4 grams (weighed by H.H.T. Jackson). The mother of this cub on May 14, 1912 weighed 390 lbs. This comes nearest to what you want of any of my records. I have a photograph of this cub on the day of its death when five days old, along with the description of external features.

Concerning the Black Bear cubs, I have a considerable number of clippings and pamphlets dealing with the dates of birth and number of young in a litter, but very little as to weight. A. B. Baker tells of a Yellowstone Park Black Bear received at the National Zoological Park in Washington on October 15, 1893. She gave birth to two cubs on Feb. 4, one of which was accidentally killed the day after its birth, and weighed 9 oz., while its length was 8½ in. (Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections, Vol. 45, page 178, published Jan. 7, 1904.)

The late Arthur Erwin Brown, Superintendent of the Philadelphia Zoological Park, mentions the birth of four cubs of the European Brown Bear, Ursus arctos, from Russia. One of these cubs, which died at the end of 36 hours, was photographed, weighed, and measured. It was 7½ inches in length and weighed 12 3/4 oz. As usual, nothing is said as to the weight of the mother. (Forest and Stream, page 84, Feb. 4, 1899)

Regretting my inability to furnish you the kind of information you wish,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 18, 1928.

Mr. W. P. True, Editor
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr. True:

Owing to more than usual pressure of accumulated work I have only to-day been able to look over the proof of my article on Dall, which you sent me some days ago. I note that it is not your practice to follow copy literally as to punctuation and caps. While this may be a minor matter, it substitutes the editor's preferences for the author's.

But I do object to lower casing titles, particularly the substance of the title. For instance, in Dall's 'List of Birds of Alaska', Birds you will agree is the important word in the title. Similarly in 'Food Fishes of Alaska', Fishes is the dominant word, and so on. Nevertheless I find these important words set up in lower case in the proof. I very much object to this.

The proof is returned to you herewith and I shall be obliged if you will see that the thirty ~~copies~~ separates mentioned are sent to my address. There were so many calls for the original article that my hundred separates fell well short of supplying the demand.

Very truly yours

C. H. [illegible]

Jan. 18, 1928.

Dr T. S. Palmer
Biological Survey
Dept. Agriculture

Dear Doctor Palmer:

Not long ago you wrote me that for personal and scientific reasons it seemed important for me to put on record the history of my work in the field of Geographic Distribution. Your argument was convincing and I acted accordingly.

Now it is my turn to try to convince you that it is highly desirable from both personal and scientific reasons for you to complete and publish the Supplement to your G.W.O.E., known also as Index Generum Mammalium, issued twenty-three years ago.

Trusting that you will give this serious consideration and act accordingly,

Very truly yours

C. H. [illegible]

Jan. 18, 1928.

Mr. M. S. Kinlens
The Stratford Co.
Boston, Mass.

My dear Sir:

What has become of Annikadel? On January 6 I returned the galley with a letter to you and have heard nothing since.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 19, 1928.

My dear Mrs. Van Devanter:

Thinking that you might be interested in looking over some photographs of California scenery, I am taking the liberty of sending some herewith, and shall be glad to follow with others.

These were taken a long time ago and many are faded. Later on, if you care to see them, I will send some larger and better ones.

Please don't attempt to reply but merely send word by the messenger who brings these back and I will have another batch ready.

With kindest regards and best wishes for your full recovery.

Very truly yours

Mrs. Willis Van Devanter
Washington, D.C.

Jan. 21, 1928.

Hon. Lynn J. Frazier, Chairman
Committee on Indian Affairs
United States Senate

My dear Senator:

Will you be kind enough to send me half a dozen copies of the Hearing held by your Committee on or about January 10th on the subject of an Investigation of the Indian Bureau or of Indian Affairs, and greatly oblige.

Very truly yours

C. H. T. Townsend

Jan. 21, 1928.

Dr W. Barclay Stevens
1250 Bay Street
Alameda, Calif

Dear Dr Stevens:

Do you happen to know whether the real estate people who have been booming Clear Lake resorts for the past three or four years have issued any map or maps of the Lake?

More than a month ago I wrote Mr R. S. Rodman (addressing him at Lakeport) asking the same question but have had no reply.

I have reasonably large scale maps of the Lake but they are deficient in names. What I want is a modern map showing the names in current use for the various bays, promontories, points, and islands about the Lake. Some of these I do not find on any of my maps. I have most of the Indian names.

Please do not bother about this if you do not happen to know.

Our streets are still free of snow and the sun is shining brightly, but it rained yesterday and is very cold today.

With love from all of us to all of you.

As ever yours

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As ever yours

Mat Townsend

Jun. 25, 1928.

Mr. E. I. Garrett, President
Puget Sound Machinery Depot
Seattle, Washington

My dear Sir:

Your big Bear skull arrived duly and I have compared it with our large skulls of the same species (Ursus gyas) in the National Museum.

It is a little larger than our largest specimen but is not quite so large as a skull in the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Berkeley, obtained by Miss Annie Alexander.

The greatest length of your skull (from front teeth to tip of occipital crest) is approximately 18½ inches. The same measurement of her skull is slightly more than 18 7/8 inches, almost 19 inches. The breadth of your skull across the zygomatic arches is approximately 11 1/4 inches, hers 11 3/4 inches. It is impossible to take accurate measurements of your skull for the reason that it is uncleaned and the under jaw is still attached.

The jaw, as you described, is curiously deformed, the left side having been broken when the animal was young so that the front part not only protrudes but is swung around so far from its normal plane that I do not see how it could possibly

cut grass or other small plants on which this species normally feeds to a large extent.

It is a huge skull and I am obliged to you for letting me see it. I wish we knew what the bear weighed. I am obliged also for the information you gave me about this bear and his trails and bathtubs.

The largest skull of Ursus gyas in our collection is approximately 1/4 inch shorter than yours (in greatest length).

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

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Jan. 25, 1928.

Dr C. E. Grunsky
2472 Union St
San Francisco, Calif

Dear Dr Grunsky:

In mapping the distribution of Indian tribes in the lower San Joaquin Valley and Delta Region I find myself in difficulty because of the absence of a reliable map of this region. The Geological Survey has good maps of the western part of the region but nothing of the same scale on the eastern side, and their big scale maps are on too large a scale for my purpose as it would be very expensive to photograph so many sheets down to the scale of the west side maps.

This leads me to ask if you know of any map on one or two sheets covering the lower San Joaquin and Delta Region. If so, and you will kindly let me know where it may be obtained, I shall be greatly obliged.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

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Jan. 25, 1928.

Dr. W. H. Osgood
Field Museum of Natural History
Chicago, Ill

Dear Osgood:

We are wondering whether you are the guilty person who left a very beautiful (blue & black) scarf when you were here at the time of your most interesting lecture on Abyssinia. At all events such a scarf is here and we have thus far failed to find its owner.

With best wishes from us all.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Jan. 26, 1928.

Mr M. P. Skinner
44 Broadhead Avenue
Jamestown, N.Y.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 24th inst. would say that my articles on the Mammals of Crater Lake National Park was published in Mammals, Vol. 1, No. 2, October 1927. It was not published in separate form so I bought a number of copies and had them bound up with a printed title page. These copies were exhausted many years ago.

However I had a few extra pages left and have had the missing page typewritten so as to complete one more copy, which I am sending you by this mail.

I have had your Yellowstone book for some time but did not know about the Bear book until receipt of the circular enclosed in your letter. I have ordered a copy as I am particularly interested in Bears.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 31, 1928.

The University of California Press
Berkeley, California

Dear Sirs:

Please send me, with bill, the following publications of the University of California in Ethnology:

Kroeber. The Religion of the Indians of California. Sept. 1907. $0.50

Kroeber. The Languages of the Coast of California North of San Francisco. April 1911. $1.25

Waterman. The Phonetic Elements of the Northern Paiute Language. Nov. 1911. $0.45

Goddard, P.E. Notes on the Chilula Indians of Northwestern California. Apr. 1914. $0.30

Kroeber and Harrington. Phonetic Elements of the Diegueno Language. Apr. 1914. $0.10

Mason. The Mutsun Dialect of Costanoan, Based on the Vocabulary of De la Cuesta. Mar. 1916. $0.70

Gifford. Miwok Moieties. June 1916. $0.55

Barrett. Pomo Bear Doctors. July 1917. $0.25

McKern. Functional Families of the Patwin. Apr. 1922. $0.35

Mason. The Language of the Salinan Indians. Jan. 1918. $0.75

Barrett. The Wintun Hesi Ceremony. Mar. 1919. $0.60

Hooper. The Cahuilla Indians. Apr. 1920. $0.75

Kroeber. Yuman Tribes of the Lower Colorado. Aug. 1920. $0.25

Goddard, P.E. Habitat of the Pitch Indians, a Wailaki Division. Feb. 1924. $0.25

Gifford. Miwok Cults. May 1926. $0.25

Loeb, E.M. Pomo Folkways. Sept. 1926. $3.25

Dangberg. Washo Texts. (In Press.)

Historic aboriginal Sites Calif. Delta Region Nov. 1926. .30

Yours very truly

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 31, 1928

Mr N.W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for the month of January, amounting to $39.29, together with the vouchers enumerated below, all of which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

For 1000 letterheads and follow sheets Byron S. Adams, Washington, D.C. $17.50
Barbara Hastings, assistant 125.00
Zenaida Merriam, assistant 135.00
Mrs Helen O. Trotter, stenog-assistant (½ month) 75.00
Mrs Mabel P. Hollister, assistant 150.00

Dr C. Hart Merriam

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Jan. 4	50 stamped envelopes			1 09
5	Bird Lore for 1928			1 50
7	American Anthropologist for 1928			6 00
7	MS clasps .20; pen points .05; car fare .20			45
9	6 sheets map paper, Goodman Paint & Supply Co.	1		3 00
10	Calif. Historical Soc. Quarterly for 1928			10 00
17	Allen's Press Clipping Bureau (Clippings month Dec.)	2		3 00
19	Journal Mammalogy for 1928			2 75
23	Audubon Soc. package bird pictures by Allan Brooks			1 00
30	Brentano's, Bears in Yellowstone by Skinner	3		2 50
31	Gas Light Co. Dec.27 to Jan25 1/3 of $8.40=$2.80	4		2 80
	Street car fares, Jan.			1 00
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	Window cleaner: 8 windows at .15 a window			1 20
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C. Hart Merriam

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Jan. 31, 1928

Dr Henry T. Schnittkind
234 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts

My Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my check of $500 in payment of the second installment of Amikadel, as per contract.

The page proof was a few days late in arriving, but is now here and I will return it to Mr Kinlins in a few days.

About six weeks ago I sent you an address list of something over 1400 names. Herewith I am enclosing an additional list of something over 250 names. Those in the present list are in the main people interested in Indians from the humane side, and are largely in the far west. Still another list of likely names might be obtained by securing the membership lists of the Indian Rights Association (headquarters Philadelphia), the Am. Indian Defense Association (headquarters San Francisco), Indian Defense Association of So. Calif (headquarters Santa Barbara), and the Eastern Assoc. Indian Affairs, 115 East 55 Street, New York City.

Please send me as soon as practicable a rough outline sketch of the cover design, and also copies, if printed, of the circular letter or letters you expect to distribute in regard to the book.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 1, 1928.

Hon. Lynn Frazier, Chairman
Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
United States Senate

Dear Senator Frazier:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me a couple of copies of the Hearings before your Committee pursuant to Senate Resolution 79, providing for a general survey of Indian affairs.

If you have them to spare, I should greatly appreciate some additional copies. They would be of great interest to a number of Indian tribes in California to whom I should be glad to send them.

Very truly yours

C. Harriman

Feb. 2, 1928

Mr M.S.Kinlem
The Stratford Co
289 Congress St
Boston, Mass

My dear Sir:

Herewith I am returning, Special Delivery, last galley and first page proofs of ANNIKADEL; also copy for List of Illustrations and Index; and in accordance with your request have put the proofs of illustrations where I think they should go.

I dont like the Contents stuck back of the Preface, but if your house is strongly set for it this way I'll try not to make a fuss.

Kindly send page revise.

Very truly yours,

Feb. 4, 1928.

Dr Joseph Grinnell
Museum of Vertebrate Zoology
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr Grinnell:

Your letter of January 6 gave me a toothache. It is simply another of the everlasting prods that stir a fellow up for not doing what he ought to do and wants to do but lacks the power. My files and safes are overflowing with unfinished manuscripts, and I am harpooned from various directions for books and articles innumerable that I ought to finish. When younger and able to work at the desk sixteen hours a day I used to accomplish more, but now, as you know, I am an old man and find ten hours--sometimes only eight--a full day's work.

You ask about the publication of a talk I gave a couple of months ago before the A.O.U. on my work on the Life Zones. This was hastily prepared (by request from T.S. Palmer) and I have not had time to touch it since, so some days will be required to verify references and dates and put it in shape for publication.

I am tortured by demands for my Bear Book, demands coming with heartrending frequency not only from sportsmen and amateur naturalists in various parts of the country, but also

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(and most distressingly) from the source of my support.

Other rather pressing Natural History volumes needing time to finish are one on the Death Valley Expedition of 1890-91 (the bulk of which was written more than twenty-five years ago), and a monograph on the Kangaroo Rats.

In the anthropological line I have a book in press and a few papers nearly ready for the printer, but this by no means relieves the pressure, there being at the present time urgent demands for the publication of more than fifty papers on special tribes and groups of tribes--and some of the requests have come from your own University! Inasmuch as I have a couple of dozen steel file case drawers full of anthropological material which no one but myself could properly prepare for the press, you can readily see how continuously I am tormented.

You prod me again in regard to my autobiography. This ought to be written, of course, but how am I going to do it? I have assistants of course, but for the past six or eight years have had no one, besides my daughter Zenaida, competent to do more than the usual work of a stenographer and typist, and the time required in checking their work often amounts to several days a week, absolutely preventing original writing.

I am sorry to bore you with all this gloominess but feel that you should know something about the pressure I am under and the almost hopelessness of the situation.

Very truly yours
C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 4, 1928.

Mr. J. E. Hanna
c/o San Francisco Examiner
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr Hanna:

Your letter of November 16 has reposed in my unanswered tray ever since its receipt. I intended to answer it properly but have been and still am so completely overwhelmed with unfinished work that it is impracticable to take the time to dig out the information you need.

The early authors, as you know, had no real knowledge of Indians and looked upon them much as we look on bears and coyotes. Their writings therefore abound in inaccuracies. Dr Kroeber, on the other hand, is a trained anthropologist and an authority on California Indians. But he is relatively young and did not get in touch with Yosemite Indians until most of them were dead.

Your remark that 55 years ago your mother witnessed a war dance at Knights Ferry "by mountain Indians, probably Piutes, wherein the war bonnets and feathers were worn," is a fair example of the kind of statement one runs across by the hundred, written by well meaning people about California Indians. Piutes are not mountain Indians, and the probability that any of them

were at Knights Ferry 55 years ago is a minus quantity. Furthermore, Piutes had no war bonnets.

The illustration you mention as used by Dr Kroeber of an alleged Yosemite Indian, and published in Ansel Hall's book on Yosemite (Plate 4, facing page 56) is another misfortune. The man in question I knew for years. His name was Francesco and he was not a Yosemite Indian. Neither did Yosemite Indians wear crowns of magpie feathers, and so on.

I am very glad that you are interested in Indians from the humane side, and wish I had the time to help you.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 4, 1928.

Dear Henry:

We were very glad to have your letter of January 9. I knew, of course, that you would be immensely interested in the Trident article. I was thrilled by it when it first came and felt, as you do, that we ought to have the original. With this end in view I twaddled the editor, and during the past two years have kept it up until now--prepare for a surprise--the original reposes in one of my safes!

Now don't write me to send it to you by return mail for I won't do it. I am thinking of having a typewritten copy made of it so that it may be preserved in two places.

As to the Morris Genealogy. I have one copy but only one and don't know of any possible way to get another. John C. Merriam, President of the Carnegie Institution, has been asking me for several years to get a copy for him. But the compiler, Rope, is dead, and his wife wrote long ago that no more copies were in existence, except those already in the hands of relatives. For several years I have been watching the genealogies offered for sale in second-hand book catalogues but have never found a single one of sure.

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It is hard to believe that you have a boy old enough to have finished high school. I have never forgotten our trip to Palomar and the wonderful recollections you led me to, and wish it were possible to repeat it.

For several years past I have been hoping to finish work in northern California and to transfer my labors to the southern part of the State, where there is still much to be done in my lines. It is possible that to may make it during the present year. We are all anxious to renew friendships with our Palm Dale friends.

With love to you all,

As ever

Mr. Henry S. Morriam
San Dimas
San Diego Co., California

Original Defective

Feb. 4, 1928.

Dr T. S. Palmer
Biological Survey
Dept. of Agriculture

Dear Dr Palmer:

Thanks for your letter of January 24 in reply to mine of the 18th. It is good to know that the Ten Year Index of the Auk is now in the printer's hands. From this it is obvious that you must be pretty well frazzled out for the immediate present. However, this will wear off and I most earnestly hope you will make the completion of your Index Generum Mammalium your principal work until it is in print. The fact that you have a thousand new names is in itself sufficient reason for its early completion.

There is another point to which I hope you will devote the necessary time and brain tissue, namely the matter of Types of Genera. Under the present very loose and, to my mind, utterly abominable interpretations of International Rules of Nomenclature a number of authors are mixing up the generic names of mammals and birds to such a degree that with the appearance of each new publication one's feelings are mainly those of disgust. To my mind there are just two fundamentals of nomenclature: one, the starting point at the tenth edition of Linnaeus; the other, the right of the reviser in fixing the types of genera and species.

Yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 4, 1928.

Miss Ethel C. Blohm
2412 Channing Way
Berkeley, California

My dear Miss Blohm:

Your letter came a short time ago and I am glad to know that you are interested in the possibility of becoming one of my assistants. I am looking for a girl who has education and experience and is willing to take hold of a serious job and fit herself for the work.

It is a pity you cannot be here first to get acquainted with details of the investigation before taking up the field side. However that seems to be impracticable, and it looks as if we should have to begin at the field end on my return to California in the early spring.

The work, as I wrote you, is mainly in Anthropology, with a good deal of general Natural History intermixed.

Very truly yours
C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 4, 1928.

Dr W. H. Osgood
Field Museum of Natural History
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Osgood:

Glad to know that the scarf was yours. Zenaida sent it to you a few days ago and I trust that by this time it is on your neck.

Was glad to receive your friendly letter. We certainly did enjoy your most interesting lecture on your work in Abyssinia, and also the evening at our home. You are one of the few naturalists trained by me who have made good and established world-wide reputations for themselves.

With best wishes from us all,

As ever yours

C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 4, 1928.

Dr J. McK. Cattell
Garrison-on-Hudson, New York

Dear Dr Cattell:

A couple of weeks ago you sent me a carbon of a letter you wrote Dr. Fewkes on January 18. I am glad you sent me this as it clears up one or two points which I did not understand. I did not know that it was understood that anthropologists would vote for at least one psychologist, and psychologists for at least one anthropologist. If I had, I should have voted for Professor Terman, but I may be able to do this at the Meeting.

It has always seemed to me that there are too few sections in the Academy, the result being that many of us are expected to vote for candidates of whom we have no personal knowledge.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 4, 1928.

Mr John Collier
Indian Defense Association
37 Bliss Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Collier:

Thanks for your courtesy in sending me a carbon of your letter to Mr. Price. It is good to know that the fight on the San Carlos matter has been won, and it is a great satisfaction that the King Resolution for a Senate Investigation of Indian Affairs has actually passed. I read the good news in last night's Star.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 6, 1928.

Dr Paul Bartsch
U.S. National Museum
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr Bartsch:

On May 29, 1919 Dr Dall wrote me asking for my copy of a very rare book, namely Gronovius Zoophylacium, 1763-1781.

He asked me to present this book to the Museum but I declined to do this. On June 5, 1919 I took the book to him with a letter stating: "I am not prepared to present the book to the Library but you are welcome to keep it until my return in the fall or winter." I called his attention to the fact that the volume had been consulted by a number of naturalists, including Theodore Gill, D. S. Jordan, L. Stejneger, Theodore Palmer, Mrs. M. J. Rathbun, Dr. Stiles and Walter Fisher.

Dr. Dall did not return the book. I shall be obliged therefore if you will kindly send it to me, or, if you prefer, leave it on my desk in the Museum and phone me to that effect and I will call for it.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 8, 1928.

Mr Stephen Knight
R.F.D. 138
Ukiah, California

My dear Mr Knight:

It is the same old story with both of us: good intentions but too busy to write. I have not heard a word from you since before you went to the Ione Meeting last fall. How did it turn out?

There is some news this winter in the line of Congressional doings. John Collier may have sent you copies of the several Bills and also the Hearing before the Senate Committee relating to the desirability of a Senate investigation of Indian affairs (S.R.79). I am sending you herewith a copy of this Hearing. If you have not already heard of this, you will be glad to know that the Resolution passed so that the investigation is actually forthcoming. I trust this will be productive of much good.

A short time ago I went up to the House Committee and learned that the Lea Bill had not been reported back from the Interior Department (Indian Office) where it had been sent for report.

The so-called Swing-Johnson Bill, providing for

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the turning over to the State of California of the moneys usually spent by the Indian Office for health and education, has been supplanted by a broader Bill covering all of the States, introduced by the Chairmen of the Committee, Mr. Leavitt. The Leavitt Bill is H.R. 7031. Copies of these Bills I am sending you herewith.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Regards to all of your family.

Feb. 8, 1928.

Mr Jack Williams and
Mr C. E. Kappy
Likely, California

My dear Sirs:

Since writing you, some pregress favorable to Indians has been made by Congress. The most important thing so far has been the passage of Senate Resolution 79, Providing for an Investigation of Indian Affairs, including the Indian Bureau. This Bill, a copy of which I am sending you, was passed by the Senate on February 2 and is now a law. This is good news.

As yet no action has been taken on the Lea Bill (H.R.491). It is still in the hands of the House Indian Committee. The same is true of H.R. 7031, Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to Arrange with States for the Education, Medical Attention and Relief of Distress of Indians, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours
C. Hart Merriam

I am sending a similar statement to Mr. Harry George at Lookout.

Feb. 8, 1928.

Mr Harry George
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Please give my kind regards to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Quinn and others in your neighborhood.

Very truly yours
C. Hart Merriam

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Feb. 8, 1928.

Mr William Fuller
Soulsbyville via Tuolumne, Calif.

My dear Mr Fuller:

So far during the present session of Congress no action has been taken on the Law Bill.

The Sibley-Johnson Bill, Providing for the Education, Medical Attention and Relief of Distress of California Indians, has been replaced by a broader Bill covering the same ground but extended to include all the States. This Bill, a copy of which I am enclosing, was introduced twice, once by Mr. Kelly (H.R.6073) and again by Mr. Leavitt (H.R.7031). There is reason to believe that it will pass. If so, it will be a fine start in the right direction.

The most important Bill so far is Senate Resolution 79, Providing for an Investigation of the Indian Bureau and of Indian Affairs generally. This passed on February 2 and is therefore a law to be put into effect as soon as practicable. This, it seems to me, is likely to result in a better system than the one now in operation. If anything of special importance occurs I will let you know.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

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Feb. 8, 1928.

Mr M. P. Skinner
44 Broadhead Avenue
Jamestown, New York

Dear Mr Skinner:

I was very glad to receive your publications on the Antelope and other mammals of the Yellowstone Region. Publications of this kind by zoal observers like yourself are always helpful.

Since writing you I have secured your book on Yellowstone Bears but have not yet had time to read it. It looks good.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 8, 1928.

Dr P. E. Goddard
American Museum of Natural History
New York City

Dear Dr Goddard:

In looking over your map of 'Hupa Valley' in Volume one of your important publication, Life and Culture of the Hupa, 1904, I have again for the second or third time been disturbed by three names with a little black square in front of each, printed in caps--a very different type from the village names on the map. The names in question are: Niltûkalai, Tselûndin and Tsemets̄a.

Will you be good enough to tell me what these represent. I have an idea they might mean group divisions or something of the sort.

Very truly yours
C. Hart Merriam

[His reply, dated Feb. 23, 1928, states that these are "dancing places for the white deerskin dance". cm]

Feb. 8, 1928.

Dr Charles L. Camp
California Historical Society
San Francisco, California

Dear Dr Camp:

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Feb. 9, 1928.

Mrs Mildred Ring
642 Mill Street
Reno, Nevada

My dear Mrs Ring:

Your letter dated January 21 is at hand. But why on earth didn't you let me know earlier that you were at Reno? I drove through Reno twice last year, the last time toward the end of September, and it would have given me much pleasure to call on you had I known you were there. I had no idea that you had entered the Government Indian Field Service.

My memory, old as it is, requires no readjustment to recall your doings on Klamath River.

Now about your prospective trip with your Piute woman assistant and your palatial housemobile: Your itinerary in visiting the various reservations in Nevada will mean quite a bit of hard work, with some experiences enjoyable, some quite otherwise. I would not advise setting out for Pyramid Lake and other points in the northern half or two-thirds of the State at this season of the year--traveling through snow by auto and camping in low temperatures being incidentals that do not add much to the joy of living.

Pyramid Lake is a most interesting place. The Northern Piutes there are not only interesting, but have, or used to have, several types of brush lodges and arbors that were a delight to behold.

If Peg-Leg Dick is still alive, give him my kind remembrances. He once paddled me over to Anaho Island where at the time there were some 4000 breeding White Pelicans. If you have an eye for birds, you might be interested to know that the ornithologist Frank M. Chapman of New York, and the famous bird artist Louis Fuertes were with me on that trip.

But southern Nevada, except for occasional and rather rare storms, is all right for March, and the April climate down there is greatly to be preferred to that of May and June.

I have long longed to visit Moapa. I have been within a few miles of it two or three times but unforeseen circumstances turned me elsewhere. You may still find there remnants of a number of bands (several of them so-called 'tribes') of Southern Piute ('Piuche')--the real, true, and only original Indians entitled to the name Piute. It will be worth while to obtain the names and original locations of as many of these bands as possible, with all the details you may be able to secure concerning their aboriginal life. Exact knowledge of food is always desirable. Specimens of plants wrapped in pieces of newspaper (sent back here in franked envelopes) can usually be correctly identified.

Among the Northern Piute many of the tribes and bands take their name from their food, as for instance Koo-yu-e dikka (Sucker eaters) (for the Pyramid Lake band), Koo-tzah-be dikka (Kootsahbe eaters) for the Mono Lake band, Aggi dikka (Trout eaters) for the Walker Lake band, Pah-kwe dikka (Small fish eaters), and so on. It is worth while to secure as many of these names as possible, getting the exact pronunciation and the exact location of the band or tribe referred

to.

In writing Indian words I trust you will use the English alphabet sounds, writing the words phonetically and avoiding as you would a bunch of rattlesnakes the exotic ways of deforming the English alphabet that have come to us from Russians, Czechs, Poles, Germans and other foreign peoples who unfortunately implanted their barberities on our fertile soil.

When at Moapa, you will doubtless feel impelled to take a day or two off in order to visit the Vegas, a little farther south. The big springs there, like those of Pahrump Valley, are of great interest, and you might be willing to take a snap shot at the old Vegas Ranch which I visited 37 years ago. And, furthermore, if you are interested in pictographs, your camera might be put to good use along the face of the cliffs on the east side of Charleston Mountains. The widow Stewart (since re-married, but I forget her married name) of Las Vegas, if still alive, could give you definite information as to these and many other points of interest in the region. All of the older people there know her and can show you her house.

The latter part of your letter--the matter of financing--disturbs me. While the National Geographic Society is interested in explorations and pictures of general popular interest, and while I should be glad to help in any way I can, I fear that your results would not provide much material of the kind they want. For instance, I do not see how moving pictures of such a trip as this would be of any particular interest. Nor would any kind of photographs show any one but a specialist in Archeology anything worth looking at in the ruins of the so-called Big Pueblo on the Muddy.

A good many years ago I rode on horseback either over it or close to it without noticing it.

The Indians on the Muddy are the true 'Piuches,' and speak a very different dialect from that of the Indians of northwestern Nevada, commonly called Piutes. At the Vegas and on the Amargosa you may find the Nu-vah-an-dits, a tribe closely related to the Piuches of the Muddy. Farther south are the Chem-e-we-ve, but you are not likely to strike the Panamint Shoshones unless you enter the Death Valley region of California.

Should you drive south from Winnemucca by way of Humboldt and Reese River Valleys, you will enter real Shoshone territory, while if you do not turn south until you pass the longitude of the Humboldt-Ruby Mountains, you will traverse territory of a most interesting tribe of which little is known--the Gosute. I am greatly interested in your trip and wish I could make it with you.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

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Feb. 11, 1928.

Mr E. N. Lafonso
Chico, California

My dear Mr Lafonso:

So far during the present session of Congress no bills have been passed relating to California Indians. Nevertheless a bill likely to prove of interest to our Indians passed the Senate a short time ago. It provides for a general survey or investigation of Indian affairs, and I am sending you herewith a copy of the Hearing and also of the Resolution that passed (Senate Resolution 79).

The Lea Bill is still in the hands of the House Committee.

We were glad to receive your Christmas card and to know that you are still alive. I did not send out cards this year; I am too old.

With best wishes to Mrs. Lafonso and yourself, including your little girls.

Very truly yours

C. [illegible]

Feb. 13, 1923.

Dr. W. B. Stephens
1250 Bay Street
Alameda, California

Dear Dr Stephens:

Glad to have yours of the 6th instant and to know that you and Harry Allen had a little outing in the Larkspur country.

Returning again to the matter of Clear Lake geographic nomenclature, there still remain a number of doubtful cases, among which might be mentioned two streams that flow into the main Clear Lake from the south. The easternmost of these, the one flowing into Kelsey Creek near its mouth, is called Cole Creek on some of the maps and Cold Creek on others. West of this creek and flowing into Clear Lake are Kelsey Creek, Adobe Creek, and a creek just around the turn of the Lake from Lakeport which likewise is called Cole Creek on some of the maps and Cold Creek on others. It would help matters to know which is which so far as their names go.

Then there appear to be two Long Points, one forming the slender peninsula between East Bay (Sulphurbank Arm) and Lower Lake, the other a long southerly projection from near the middle of the northeast shore of Lower Lake nearly opposite

Borax Lake. I don't suppose you happen to know which of these should perpetuate the name Long Point, and what the proper name of the other may be!

Mrs. Bailey Willis gave us a short call a week or so ago but we did not see her husband. He was too busy.

With love to you all,

As ever

Feb. 13, 1928.

Colonel Lawrence Martin
Chief, Division of Maps
Library of Congress

Dear Colonel Martin:

Do you happen to have a map of the Lower San Joaquin Valley and Delta Region published by the State Engineer of California in 1886, scale three miles to the inch, said to measure about sixteen inches north and south by twenty-seven east and west?

If you have this map, will you be kind enough to have a couple of photostat copies sent me with bill for same.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours

Feb. 15, 1928.

Mr E. I. Gerrett
Puget Sound Machinery Depot
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr Gerrett:

Thanks for your letter of January 30 in regard to the skull of your Big Bear from Mt. Pavolof region, Alaska Peninsula.

I am surprised to learn that you found the Old Giant in such good bodily condition and that when killed "his mouth and stomach were both full of grass." This shows that,in the case of these Bears at least,the front teeth (incisors) are not necessary for cutting hay, but that they are able to feed by tearing the grass and sedges off with the sides of the jaws. The molars and pre-molars therefore must fit tightly enough to give them a good grip on the herbage.

Could you kindly give me the date when you killed this Bear?

I am glad to know that when you are next in Washington you will give me the pleasure of showing you some of our Big Bear skulls and skins, and also such other specimens as you may find of interest.

Very truly yours
C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 15, 1928.

Mr Harold S. Colton and
Mr Frank C. Baxter
Flagstaff, Arizona

My dear Sirs:

A couple of weeks ago I received with your compliments a pamphlet entitled 'Days on the Painted Desert and in the San Francisco Mountains.' I am very glad to have it and thank you for your courtesy in sending me a copy. Your concise statements and graphic illustrations will prove, I am sure, most helpful to a large number of travelers.

My personal familiarity with the region gives it special interest. If I succeed in visiting the region again, as I hope to do, I shall certainly take a copy with me.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours
C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 15, 1928.

Mr. Ruthven Deane
1222 North State Street
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Deane:

Many thanks for the illustrated clipping. I followed your advice about looking on the other side.

The number of Antelope heads astonishes me. I did not know that so many had been killed in recent years, nor did I know that Montana permitted killing.

As ever yours

C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 17, 1928.

Chief of Engineers
War Department
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I shall be obliged if you will send me at 1919 Sixteenth St., Washington, D.C., two each of the following California quadrangle maps published by your office:

Healdsburg 31-N-3-W/2
Skaggs 20-N-IV-E/2
Lower Lake 31-N-1-E/2
Kelseyville 31-N-1-W/2
Hopland 20-N-2-E/2
Sonoma 31-S-2-W/2

Yours very truly

C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 18, 1928.

Dear Mr Justice Van Deventer:

It will give me much pleasure to accept your invitation for the luncheon you are giving to members of the Washington National Monument Society on Wednesday, February 22, at one-thirty at the Metropolitan Club.

I am naturally much concerned with the matter of our National Monuments and have no doubt that the occasion will prove one of unusual interest.

Very truly yours

C. Bascom Slemp

Mr Justice Van Deventer
[illegible] Street

Feb. 21, 1928.

Dr James P. Chapin
President, Linnaean Society, New York
American Museum of Natural History

Dear Dr Chapin:

Thanks for your letter of the 18th instant, inviting me to address the Linnaean Society on its Fiftieth Anniversary on Tuesday, March 13. But owing to my age and the condition of my health, it is out of the question for me to think of going, which I greatly regret.

At the same time I realize that as first President of the Society and one of the small handful of its founders, it would be manifestly appropriate for me to take part in the Anniversary.

The Society was founded on the evening of March 7, 1878, in the office of Franklin Benner at 55 Liberty Street, New York City. There were present: H. B. Bailey, Franklin Benner, Eugene P. Bicknell, John Burroughs, Harold Herrick, Dr. Fred H. Hoadley, Ernest Ingersoll, C. Hart Merriam, Newbold T. Lawrence, William C. Osborn.

Harold Herrick was elected Vice-president; H.P. Bailey, Treasurer; and Ernest Ingersoll [unfortunately] Secretary.

With best wishes and regrets that I cannot be with you,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 21, 1928.

County Surveyor
Santa Rosa, California

My dear Sir:

Can you tell me just where the place known as Cazzens was? Some of our maps show it at the junction of Warm Springs Creek with Dry Creek, others several miles farther down Dry Creek.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

was ten proper spelling
Cuzzens or Cozzens?

Feb. 21, 1928.

Mr H. G. Ridgway
President, Marvelous Marin
San Rafael, California

My dear Sir:

Your letter of the 10th instant reached me this morning, calling my attention to the fact that my dues of one dollar had not yet been paid. The reason is that I left Lagunitas late in September and do not expect to return before May as usual, and have not received any notice that dues were due.

Herewith I am enclosing check for $3.00 in payment of dues for Mrs. Merriam, my daughter Miss Zenaida Merriam, and myself.

With best wishes for the success of the organization,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 21, 1928.

Dear Augusta:

Thanks for your telegram. Sorry it was thought necessary to have a funeral in New York.

I had supposed that the remains would be either cremated or shipped at once to the vault at Lyons Falls. It is out of the question for any of us to go to New York. Both Florence and I are just recovering from grippe and are still under the doctor's treatment.

We have heard no details beyond Lyman's statement that Julia was killed by a truck. We have feared such an end for several years because of her extraordinary mental attitude that it was the driver's business to look out for pedestrians! We have told her time and again that this could have but one ending, and she was lucky to escape as long as she did.

It is a wonderful thing that there happens to be such a man as Lyman to attend to these difficult and distressing matters, but he has had far more than his share and it is mighty hard on him all the same.

We are counting on you and Betty for the period of her spring vacation though none of us know just when this will be.

With love to you all from all of us.

Hart

Mrs. F. de P. Hone
1000 Madison Avenue
New York City

Feb. 23, 1928.

The Stratford Company, Publishers
234 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts Attention Mr M. S. Kimlens

My dear Sirs:

Herewith I am returning to you by special delivery the last page proof of Annikadel, including Contents and Index.

Doubtless you have observed that several of the corrections marked on the preceding proof have not been made.

On February 1, Dr Schnittkind, in reply to an inquiry concerning the circular and cover, wrote me that he was turning over the matter to the Sales Department so that I presume I shall hear from you about this in the near future. I am anxious to see the cover design before it is too late.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 23, 1928.

Hon. Hiram Bingham
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator:

May I call your attention to S. 700 which, if passed, would seem to impose a most serious and threatening burden on the Pueblo Indians and would set a dreadfully dangerous precedent for legislation affecting other tribes.

Does not this Bill mean confiscation or pauperization, or both?

Very truly yours

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Miss Ethel Blohm
2412 Channing Way
Berkeley, Calif.

Feb. 23, 1928

Your letter of Februaru 14 is a grievous disappointment. I had deluded myself with the hope that during the half year from early June to fall you would be one of our small party in driving about in various parts of California engaged primarily in collecting important odds and ends of information from the survivors of numerous Indian tribes. Our car, wherever night finds us, is our home base for the time, and either my daughter or my wife bosses that end of the job. In most cases both go.

For a number of years my stenographer-secretary was a most helpful member of the party--in everything but cooking. Still she could fry bacon and roast toast! But she married and now is far away. Then, after several years, I discovered another; and just as she was packing her grip to come, a pesky young man came along. And I am just where I was before. And now you!

It occurs to me that even if you do marry you might like to come to Lagunitas for 2 or 3 days at a time to help me out between field trips?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 25, 1928.

Mr Sam Lopez
Crescent City, California

My dear Mr Lopez:

You ask for the report on H.R. 491. So far as I am aware, the Committee has not reported on this Bill since its very recent return from the Department of the Interior. I am informed that a Hearing on the Bill in its present form will be held in the near future. The Bill was bad enough in its original form, but I am told that it is now very much worse. If it is printed I will send you copies as soon as received.

As to the influence of Rev. F. G. Collett in securing the passage of the Bill, my personal feeling is that his influence is about as important as a light rain in New York would be to Smith River.

Will let you know as soon as there is anything to report.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours
C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 25, 1928.

Dr C. E. Grunsky
Mechanics Institute Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Dr Grunsky:

Very many thanks for your kindness and trouble in writing me about your map of the San Joaquin Valley and Delta Region of 1886. I appreciate your offer to have a photostat made of this map and shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly do this and have two prints sent me with bill for same.

As to scale: if the rivers, islands, and lettering are not very distinct I should be glad to have it the size of the original (about 16 by 27 inches), but if it will stand moderate reduction without losing detail I should prefer a total length of 18 inches (east and west).

With many thanks for your trouble in the matter,

Very truly yours
C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 25, 1928.

Dear Arch:

We were naturally mighty glad to hear from you and Angie, and also to receive the attractive package of Marin County foliage and posies.

Glad you found something of interest in the Horse Book, but you seem to be correct in failing to discern its bearing on the subject of Chevrolet internals! But what is the use of talking about Chevrolets when the new Ford is now in the market?

Yes, we expect to drive across in our Dodge next spring and the outlook is for a very active field season.

Sorry to hear that Professor Comstock has had several strokes. This is one of the numerous disadvantages of growing old.

We have nothing exciting to report except that we have had a rather open winter with only one snowfall of more than a foot, and clean streets at present.

With love from us all to you and Angie,

As ever
Hart Merriam

Mr Arch M. Gilbert
Bolinas, California

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As ever
Vernon Kellogg

Mr Arch M. Gilbert
Bolinas, California

Two Indian chiefs from Northern California turned up at 1911-16 St yesterday afternoon, + in the evening I took them to a Republican meeting.

Wish you an Angie knew Stafford Sheldon who was lately by Dr Comstock in New York City a few days ago.

Retake of Preceding Frame

March 1, 1928

Mr N.W.Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for February, amounting to $29.57, along with vouchers as listed below, which kindly pay from the Harriman fund and oblige,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs Mabel Hollister, Asst. month of Feb. $150.00
Mrs Helen O. Trotter, Stenog. " " 150.00
Miss Zenaida Merriam, Asst. " " 135.00
University Calif. Press, publications 12.06
Remington Typewriter Co. Overhauling machine 16.00

C. Hart Merriam

1919 - 16th Street, Washington, D.C.

Expense account for the month of February, 1928

1928				
Feb. 8	Andrews, stationery	1	0	95
13	Biological Proceedings for 1928		3	00
16	Allen's Press Clipping Bureau for January	2	3	00
18	Livingston, stationery	3	1	50
20	N. Y. Zoological Society Bulletin for 1928	4	1	50
21	Journ. Forestry for 1928		4	00
28-29	Paid Pit River Indians, Jack Williams, Chief, $4.00; Charles Green, $4.00 (Vocabulary work)		8	00
29	Electric current, Jan. 17-Feb. 15, $6.66, 1/3	5	2	22
29	Gas, Jan. 25-Feb. 25, $9.20, 1/3	6	3	07
	50 Stamped envelopes		1	10
	Stamps		0	23
	Street car fares for assistants on errands		1	00
			29	57

Twenty-nine ——— fifty-seven

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C. Hart Merriam

March 2, 1928.

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Dorsey:

I have just come across the enclosed bill from the Potomac Electric Company for current, December 17 to January 17, which seems to have escaped entry in the January account.

In writing you last night I forgot to tell you that I am having great success in working with two Pit River Indian Chiefs who came a short time ago to attend Congressional Hearings.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

March 6, 1928.

Dr W. B. Stephens
1250 Bay Street
Alameda, California

Dear Dr Stephens:

Your letters of February 24 and 28 are before me, the latter with the copy of the Clear Lake map corrected by your Kelseyville man. This is fine and seems to settle the matter as to the two names in question, and also shows that the most westerly of the two Cold (or Cole) Creeks has been changed to Thompson Creek.

If I had not been so stupid, I might have sent the maps direct to the Postmasters at Lakeport and Lower Lake, thus saving you the trouble. However I did not think of this until too late.

For the past ten days or two weeks I have been working steadily with two Indian Chiefs from the Pit River country. This has been a great thing for me but I have had to work mighty hard to keep up. They came in the hope of securing the passage of a Bill which they have been misled [in my judgment] to believe would result in obtaining assistance from the Government.

With love to you all and many thanks,

Yours very truly

Frank Throckmorton

March 7, 1928

Hon. Scott Leavitt, Chairman
House Committee on Indian Affairs

My dear Mr Leavitt:

A few days ago I called at your office to inquire about the report on the Lea Bill (H.R. 491). You were not in, but your clerk gave me the amendments suggested by the Interior Department, for which I was obliged.

Having heard that this bill is likely to come before your Committee in the near future I take the liberty of protesting against the suggested amendments. It surely was bad enough before, but with the suggested changes make it look like a farce.

By cutting down the amount of the possible award, and putting the time of possible settlement far into the future, it has the appearance of a deliberate attempt to prevent the Indians of California from getting anything at all in return for the millions of acres of land taken from them without payment.

Would it not be more honorable to say to them frankly: We have confiscated your lands and your homes, because we were more powerful than you, and we have no intention of paying you anything for them?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 8, 1928.

Hon. Robert M. La Follette
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator:

Having learned that Mr Lea's Bill for the Relief of California Indians (H.R. 491) is likely to come before your Committee in the near future, I feel it my duty to call your attention to several rather distressing facts.

In the first place, one of the weak points of the original Bill was, and still is, the absolute impossibility of determining the size (acreage) of the tracts originally set aside for Reservations by the Government's Indian Commissioners, in 1851-1852. In most cases no definite landmarks were given and no actual surveys were attempted.

In the Bill (H.R. 491) as introduced Dec. 5, 1927 the amount of possible recovery, owing to the set-offs mentioned, appeared to be far too small to be of any material service to the sixteen or seventeen thousand Indians of the State--and the period of expiration of the set-offs was stated as July 1, 1928. But in the Bill as it now stands, with the amendments recommended by the Department of the Interior, the set-offs would run until the date of final award, which, in view of the additional amendment extending the period for revision of the roll to five years,

would seem to mean no award earlier than seven or eight years. During this added period the set-offs would grow to such a figure that the Indians would hardly be likely to receive anything.

Inasmuch as the unconfirmed Reservations, on which the treaties of 1851-1852 were based were set aside by the Commissioners 75 years ago, practically all of the signers are now dead.

And of course you are aware that no payments have ever been made either to the original signers or to their descendants. In other words, our people boldly confiscated from the original owners, without compensation, the entire State of California, lands which have enriched the present owners by hundreds of millions of dollars.

Is it anything short of hypocrisy for Congress to pass a farcical Bill of this sort, a Bill which obviously is not intended to yield anything, or anything worth while, to the Indians?

For years my feeling has been that the Government ought to do one of two things: either (1) appropriate a lump sum to the Indians of the State; or (2) say to them frankly: "We admit that we have confiscated your lands and your homes. We did it because we wanted the land and were more powerful than you. We then had, and still have, no intention of paying you anything in return."

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

March 8, 1928.

Publisher, American Nature Magazine
1214 Sixteenth Street
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Your bill for Nature Magazine for 1928 arrived this afternoon and no previous bill has been received by me. The reason doubtless is that I have two addresses, as I have informed your office in writing two or three times. I am in Washington during the winter, in California during the summer.

My address in Washington is 1919 Sixteenth Street; my California address, Lagunitas.

As a general rule I am in California from early June until November. Doubtless the magazine and accompanying bills have been sent there, and being second class matter, were not forwarded.

My check for $3.00 for current year is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

March 9, 1928.

Mr Paul G. Redington, Chief
Biological Survey
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Redington:

What has become of the results of the Biological Survey's investigation of the sub-recent eruption of Mice in the Buena Vista Lake region at the south end of San Joaquin Valley, California?

If I am correctly informed, two or three competent naturalists of the Biological Survey visited the region, and presumably sent in reports concerning the species of mice involved and other matters of much interest.

One or two other persons, not connected with the Government service, likewise visited the region for very short periods, and published horribly misleading articles on the subject. Is it any more than fair that the Biological Survey should publish the results of investigations by its own men in order to put on record the actual facts in regard to this strange multiplication of what are usually considered rather harmless species? Surely the way the thing is left leaves a very bad taste in the mouths of several very good naturalists.

While writing, may I ask if it would not be feasible for the editors of the publication SURVEY to state what animal they

are talking about. Issue after issue contains material on Rabbits, Orchard Mice, Ground Squirrels, and so on, without saying anything about the particular species concerned. When a man talks in these loose terms, a good many of us feel either that he does not know what he is talking about, or that he is simply trying to fill space.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours

C. [illegible]

Original Defective

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March 9, 1928.

Dr J. J. Willaman
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Dr Willaman:

Your article on The Race for Sweetness (Scientific Monthly, January 1928) interested me greatly, but I found myself at a loss to know why you left out maple sugar--the sweet I was brought up on and of which in my early days I made hundreds of pounds.

You introduced a figure of a modern maple sugar camp, but nothing to show either the old-time or present-day method, and I failed to find anything about it in the text.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

March 9, 1928.

Mr John Treadwell Nichols
American Museum of Natural History
New York City

Dear Mr Nichols:

In looking over the August number of the Journal of Mammalogy which came during my absence in California, I found to my delight a most interesting and important article on the Seal Fishery by Captain Robert Bartlett.

I phoned Jackson for Bartlett's address in order to obtain a copy or two of the separates of his article, in reply to which Jackson tells me that the separates were sent to you. If you could send me one or two copies of these, I should be greatly obliged.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

March 9, 1928.

Mr Luther Goldman
Gooding, Idaho

Dear Goldmen:

The last time I heard from you, you had arranged matters so that you would get hold of two or three old male Grizzlies from the desert country when the season opened.

I am trying to do a little work again on the Grizzlies nowadays, and on inquiry at the Biological Survey learned that they must have misplaced the skulls you sent in, as they are not able to find them. Can you tell me about when they were shipped and how many there were of them? I am still mighty anxious to see them.

Trusting that you are well and having a good winter, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

March 12, 1928.

Dr C. E. Grunsky
Mechanics Institute Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Dr Grunsky:

Your letter of the 6th instant, along with the roll of maps, arrived this morning. To say that I am greatly obliged puts it altogether too mildly.

The maps cover the ground I am interest in most admirably, and should enable me to complete the work I have heretofore been unable to finish on the tribal distribution of Indians of this region. I wish I might do as much for you to show my appreciation.

With renewed thanks,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

March 14, 1928.

Hon. Clarence F. Lea
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr Lea:

In accordance with my promise of yesterday, I am handing you herewith a memorandum, brief and unsatisfactory, of passages in Volume 2 of Hittell's History of California, and of a considerably larger number in Volumes 3 and 4 of Engelhardt's Missions and Missionaries of California, relating mainly to the status of Mission Indians and their property.

I have not had time to examine Bancroft's History of California except very hurriedly, and therefore am calling attention to only two references, both in Volume 1.

In order to find anything worth while as to the status of land ownership by Indians when under Mexican control, one would have to consult the land laws of Mexico.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Engelhardt, Missions and Missionaries of California,
Vol. 3, 1913; Vol. 4, 1915.

Vol. 3, 1913.

p. 223

p. 375. Oct. 2, 1831, Fr. Jose Joaquin Jimeno. (By the word 'temporalities' understand 'properties')

p. 377

p. 380. Latter part of Note 1.

p. 385. Note 9 under Art. 6.

pp. 386-387.

p. 524

p. 528

Vol. 4, 1915.

p. 347.

p. 377. Figueroa, footnote 28.

p. 437. "property rights which indisputably belong to the Indians." And footnote 18, same page.

p. 443.

pp. 464-465.

p. 683.

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Hittell, History of California, Vol. 2, 1885.

pp. 93-97

pp. 186-190

p. 196 (2 refs.) In accordance with the orders of the Supreme Government of July 25, 1834, "the Indians [should be] placed in possession of their lands and other property."

The lands of the Missions to be regarded as property of Indians only.

Bancroft, History of California, Vol. 1, 607, 612, 1886.

March 16, 1928.

Mr M. S. Kimlens
The Stratford Company
Boston, Massachusetts

My dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 13th instant enclosing cover stamp and the printing to go on the jacket. I assume that the latter is also to go as the circular. If so, please send me about fifty copies.

The die stamp looks to me a little large, but you are a better judge as I have no means of knowing just how wide the cover will be.

I am returning the proofs herewith, but why did you send me only a single proof? As these go back, I shall have nothing left. This matter of a single copy of the proof has caused me untold annoyance and worry, and it is the first experience of the kind I have had although I have been continuously publishing articles and books for more than half a century. The saving of a few cents in the matter of a duplicate proof is hardly a fair offset for the annoyance of an author, particularly in cases like this where the publication of the work drags along for several months. As you have always asked for the return of copy with proof, you have left me without anything more than a carbon of the original manuscript, which I took the precaution to have made.

It is a curious coincidence that for more than three weeks two of the Head Chiefs of the Pit River Indians have been here and have spent a large part of the time in my house. I have been sick abed part of the time, but they came just the same.

The point I am coming to is this: that they have given me three corrections that ought to go in the book, but as I have no proof to make the corrections on, I am sending you three pages of the original manuscript on which the errors occur, and have indicated the corrections in red pencil. Fortunately they are all very slight, and if you have not already run the pages, it will be a very small matter to correct them.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

March 16, 1928.

County Surveyor
Santa Rosa, California

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your courtesy and promptness in replying to my letter of February 21 enquiring about the position and spelling of the place called Cozzens on Dry Creek. The tracing you have been kind enough to send settles the matter, and I appreciate your trouble in bothering with it.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

March 16, 1928.

Mr John T. Nichols
American Museum of Natural History
New York City

Dear Mr Nichols:

Very many thanks for your trouble in writing me so fully on March 10 in regard to the matter of Robert Bartlett's separates of his Seal article. Should have acknowledged earlier but have been laid up with laryngitis and bronchitis.

In accordance with your advice, I am writing Anthony, but suspect it will be too late to get hold of the paper before the return of the expedition.

With thanks for your kindness in the matter,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

March 16, 1928.

Mr H. E. Anthony
American Museum Natural History
New York City

Dear Mr Anthony:

About a week ago Nichols wrote me that you were soon leaving to join Captain Robert Bartlett on his present expedition. The point was that I am anxious to get hold of a couple of separates of Bartlett's excellent and meaty article on the Seal Fishery, and not knowing the Captain's address, had written Nichols.

However, it is probably too late now, and I shall be equally thankful if the separates in question could be sent me in the fall.

Please congratulate Captain Bartlett for me on having put so much good stuff in his article, and with best wishes to you both for a successful trip,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

March 16, 1928.

Mr W. C. Henderson, Acting Chief
U. S. Biological Survey
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Henderson:

Thanks for your letter of the 14th instant just received. I am delighted to know that Piper has practically completed a report on the mouse plague investigation, and look forward with much interest to its appearance.

It has galled me that certain lamentably erroneous articles have found their way into the press and that The Survey, presumably in a position to know the facts, had abstained from publishing them.

I am glad to know also that The Survey will hereafter keep an open eye for loose statements that serve only to irritate the reader. Each number contains much of permanent value and will contain much more when the names of animals talked about are definitely stated so that any one may know what is meant.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

March 17, 1928.

Mr B. A. Fauvel, Honorary Treasurer
Ottawa Field Naturalist Club
Ottawa, Canada--321 McLeod Street

My dear Sir:

For some years past I have been receiving regularly two copies of the Canadian Field Naturalist, as published, but recently only one copy has been received.

In forwarding payment for subscription a few years ago your then treasurer wrote me that I was entitled to one copy in consequence of some honorary membership bestowed upon me many years ago, all of which I appreciated. But I wanted two copies in order to be free to save separately my articles on Mammals and Birds which appeared in nearly every issue. I therefore have continued paying for the extra copy, which recently has not arrived.

On February 24, on receipt of your first notice of dues for subscription for the current year, I immediately sent my check for $2.10 in payment thereof.

I should be glad if the arrangement which has held for so many years might be continued.

Very truly yours

March 20, 1928.

Dear Betty:

For a long time I have been putting off writing from day to day. In the first place, we had a family misunderstanding as to the date of your coming. I saw, or thought I saw, in your handwriting a statement to the effect that you would arrive on the morning of March 21, but Florence and Floddy and Zenaida backed each other up with the statement that we should have to stand it until April 1, so I was properly squelched.

As it stands, I expect to have the pleasure of escorting you and your mother to our house from the Union Station on April 1, so kindly drop me a line telling the hour of your arrival.

For nearly a month two Pit River Indians from northern California have been in Washington, and for at least two weeks of the time they were at our house from half a day to nearly a whole day. I expected them again today but they did not show up. They contributed so many words (probably between two and three thousand) to my Ă-ju-mah'-we vocabulary that I have been kept rather busy. Part of the time I was in bed with grippe, but they came just the same. I am now able to take a little nourishment daily, and hope you and your mother will be able to do the same when you get here. It's important.

Day before yesterday we had about three inches of snow

in the very early morning but the wind was so dry that it took most of it off by midday.

Your grandfather drops us a few lines once in a while, but between the movies and Helen's children he seems to be mighty busy.

We have been waiting for you for years and hear all sorts of rumors about the horrible things you have been doing since you became fashionable! Your Uncle Vernon has become so devoted to a young beaver and an old kangaroo rat that you can't always count on him any more. Still, I have a notion that he will regard you as a diversion and be almost as glad as we shall be to see you again.

Floddy is still flourishing and looks first rate, notwithstanding her sororitorial dissipations.

With love from all of us at 1919,

As ever your antiquated uncle

Miss Betty Bone
629 Washington St.
Wellesley, Mass.

March 22,1928

Mr M. S Kinlens
The Stratford Co
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of the 19th inst, I regret that it is too late to make the desired corrections without cancelling the pages. And you omitted telling me what this would cost. Kindly let me know.

The only other way I think of would be to insert an Errata, which none of us like.

Hastily,

March 24, 1928.

Editor
Rod and Gun in Canada
Woodstock, Ontario, Canada

My dear Sir:

In the November number of Rod and Gun there is an article on the Moose by M. U. Bates. This article contains a small photo-print showing cedar branches broken off by Moose in winter. It is at the top of page 506 of the November number.

I am wondering if it might be possible to obtain a good print from this negative, or the loan of the negative from which I might have an enlarged print made. I shall be glad to pay all charges.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

March 24, 1928.

Virginia Paper Company, Inc
933 D Street
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Please send me at the above address, with bill enclosed, 2000 sheets of Munising Bond like the attached sample in quality and size.

If you have this paper in a lighter shade of blue, I should like to have it; otherwise please send the same shade of blue as the sample.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

March 26, 1928.

Captain George Whiteley
c/o Job Brothers & Company, Ltd
St. Johns, Newfoundland

Dear Sir:

Forty-five years ago I visited the Northern Seal Fishery under Captain Richard Pike on the SS Proteus, and obtained a considerable number of skulls of the Hooded Seal for our National Museum under the Smithsonian Institution here in Washington.

For years I have been most anxious to secure photographs of Seals on the ice, particularly Hooded Seals, and owing to the general use of cameras during recent years, it seems probable that some of the ice masters engaged in sealing would have taken such photographs. If you can put me in touch with the proper person, I shall be very greatly obliged, and should of course expect to pay all expenses connected with the photographs.

Very truly yours

Duplicate to
Capt W.C. Winsor
Minister Marine & Fisheries
St Johns, Nfld.

March 26, 1928.

Mr Nelson H. Kent
2122 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Kent:

In looking over some old prints of photographs taken by me in California many years ago, I find four of which I shall be very glad if you will kindly make two prints each for me.

Can you make these postal size without making new negatives? The numbers of the negatives are 8725, 8737, 10253, and 10257.

Very truly yours

March 26, 1928.

Pacific
Chief Engineer
~~Potomac~~ Gas and Electric Company
San Francisco, California

My dear Sir:

For a number of years I have been engaged in field work with the several tribes of Pit River Indians, and have been much embarrassed for lack of a reasonably accurate map on which to plat the distribution of their villages.

Two or three years ago you were kind enough to give me a blue print of Pit River for some distance below Fall River Mills.

Just now I am most anxious to obtain a map showing the whole of Fall River Valley, and, if practicable, reaching far enough north to include White Horse Lake, far enough up Pit River to include Muck Valley, and far enough down Pit River to include Big Bend.

There were a surprisingly large number of villages, not only on Fall River but also on Tule River, and the lake sometimes known as Fall Lake, in the Big Marsh 6-8 miles north of McArthur.

The old map sheets of the Geological Survey are of too small scale and are too inaccurate to admit of platting the old villages, and the same seems to be the case with the Forest Survey's maps. And I have yet to see any map which has the common names in local use for the various topographic features of the region.

If you can help me out, I shall be very deeply indebted.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

March 27, 1928.

Major General Lutz Wahl
War Department
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:

Will you kindly inform me of the date of establishment of Fort Crook in Fall River Valley, a few miles north of Pit River, northeastern California. Also, if the fact is convenient, the date of disbandment. Also, was General Crook the first commanding officer?

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

March 28, 1928.

Mr Luther J. Goldman
Gooding, Idaho

Dear Goldman:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 20th instant.

Most of the Grizzly skulls you mention as having sent in I have seen and have examined rather critically. The trouble with them is, as I think I wrote you several years ago, that all of them possess the characters of female Grizzly skulls, not one showing characters usually belonging to males. Nevertheless, as you remark, a couple of these were labeled 'male'.

If they are males, they are certainly an undescribed species, but if females as they appear to be, no one knows what the males are like.

The outstanding calamity is that not a single one was labeled 'male' by yourself or any one whom we could implicitly trust. For this reason I have been hoping for years that you would send in one which you absolutely knew to be a male.

I have passed my 73d birthday, but still hope to live long enough to receive from you the skull of one of these Grizzlies which you yourself know to be a male!

With best wishes,

Very truly yours
C. Hart Merriam

March 28, 1928.

Mr Roderick McArthur
McArthur, California

Dear Sir:

For several years I have been doing field work in the Pit River country, with special reference to the local geography and the location of old Indian villages.

The only maps that I have seen are exasperatingly inaccurate, but I have been informed that you have an accurate map of the region in the neighborhood of McArthur and thence north, covering the Big Swamp.

Is it possible to obtain a copy of this map? If so, and you will kindly send me a copy with bill, I will remit at once and shall be very greatly obliged.

Very truly yours
C. Hart Merriam

Marsh 28, 1928

Mr M. S. Kinlens
The Stratford Co.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of yesterday in regard to the corrections in the page proof. This is satisfactory to me and I am obliged for the trouble you are taking.

Very truly yours,

March 28, 1928.

Mr Loring W. Turrell
Smithtown Branch
Long Island, New York

My dear Sir:

The March-April number of Bird-Lore has just arrived. In it I find your interesting notes on the nesting of a Whip-poor-will. Your photograph of the bird on the nest (p. 115) is one of the finest pictures illustrating protective coloration that I have ever seen. I used to lecture on this subject and for forty years or more have been collecting illustrative photographs.

I am wondering if you would be willing to let me have a print from this negative. If so, I should expect of course to pay all charges. If the picture as printed in Bird-Lore has been trimmed down from the original size of the negative, I should be glad to have the full size in order to increase the size of the setting.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

March 29, 1928.

Arthur Paulson & Company
200 Broadway
New York City

Dear Sirs:

Replying to your letter of the 26th instant in reply to my inquiry, please send me one of your new Paulson letter files measuring approximately 6 x 10 x 12, finished in dark olive green, with bill for same.

Please note that my address is 1919 Sixteenth Street, not Smithsonian Institution, to which your last letter was addressed.

Very truly yours

March 29, 1928.

Mr George E. Coleman
Science League of America, Inc
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr Coleman:

Replying to your inquiry of the 21st instant, would say that I have no objection to Henshaw Ward to fill the vacancy left by William Kent's death.

I do not happen to know Mr Henshaw Ward, but that is no reason why he should not be elected.

Very truly yours

March 30, 1928.

Mrs Mildred Ring
Indian Field Service
Reno, Nevada

My dear Mrs Ring:

Your letter of February 13 came duly and I was glad to have it. Should have written earlier but have had a siege with the Flu, and at the same time have had more than a month with two California Indians who came in the hope of obtaining aid from Congress. This has been good for me in one way as it has resulted in a large increase in material, but in another way has set me back in all my work.

Thanks for the photographs. I am very glad to have two of them, but I have to confess that the one showing an alleged Indian at the Indian village wearing a Plains war bonnet grieves me beyond expression. I hate fakes of all kinds and fake photographs more than most other kinds. No Piute ever wore a bonnet of this kind. It belongs to the Plains Indians east of the Rockies. It is a picturesque affair and therefore has been photographed on various tribes who were wholly strange to it. Thus I have even seen it on published pictures of Pueblo Indians in Arizona and New Mexico. Too bad.

Sorry to hear that the Pyramid Lake Piute proved unfriendly to Harrington's work. Maybe he hasn't the right personality for

intimate understanding of Indians.

As to the possibilities with the Geographic Society, the only possible way, as I see it, would be to submit an article with illustrations to Mr Grosvenor. Evidently you have plenty of ambition and good health to think of the expeditions you have planned.

I have by no means finished my Piute work, although I have been working with different Piute tribes on and off for forty years or more. There are many words and expressions which cannot be understood from the old Indians. What is needed is one of the younger people with good knowledge of English and experience in one of the modern schools. This applies to many tribes besides Piute and is the reason for my many visits to the Sherman Indian School at Riverside. Your Josephine Wright looks promising to me.

With best wishes and hopes of meeting you during the coming summer,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

March 31, 1928.

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account for the month of March, along with some left-over items, amounting to $150.08, with accompanying vouchers listed below, which kindly pay from the Harriman Fund as usual.

Yours very truly

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs Mabel Hollister, Assistant,	$150.00
Mrs. Helen O. Trotter, Stenographer,	150.00
Miss Zenaida Merriam, Assistant,	135.00

In driving the Pit River Indians to Soldier's Home and several other places recently, the brakes of our California Dodge car failed to hold. So I took the car to the Dodge service station where, as usual, they discovered several other things needing attention--as per enclosed subvoucher No. 12, for $29.25.

1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D.C.

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Expense account for March 1928

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March	1	Science ($6.00) & Scientific Monthly ($5.00), 1928			11 00
	2	Livingston, 2 doz. carbon paper			1 00
	2	Stockett-Fiske Co., pencils and erasers		1	0 60
	2	Morrison Paper Co., 6 Eagle pencils		2	0 25
	5	4 rolls film (No. 120)		3	1 00
	7	J.H.Paine, developing and printing photos		4	1 40
	8	Nature Magazine, 1928			3 00
	9	Supt. Docs: U.S. Postal Guide, 1927			1 00
	10	Reid S. Baker, 21 enlargements, Indians		5	6 30
	13	Aud. Soc. Bird cards			1 00
	15	Tamalpais Park, Calif.			6 00
	17	Sci. League Am.			3 00
	19	Reid S. Baker, 3 enlargements, Indians			0 90
	26	Virginia Paper Co., 2 M sheets typewriter paper		6	3 58
	26	Boonville Herald, 1928			2 00
		Allens Press Clippings for February 1928			3 00
	27	Indian Tepee Mag., 1928			1 50
		Scribner's Mag. Sept. 1927 (McCloud River Fossils)		7	0 35
		2 lbs. floor wax			1 20
		Waxing office rooms			2 40
		Cleaning 8 windows @ .15			1 20
	28	Elec. current Feb.15-Mar.16, $6.39---1/3 6.39 =		10	2 13
	31	Gas Feb.25-Mar.26, $8.60---1/3 8.60 =		11	2 87
		Bus and street car fares, assts.			1 00
		Paid 2 Pit River Indians, Charles Green and Jack Dick (or Williams), for geographic, vocabulary, and other anthropological work:			
March	1	Pd $4.00 each, full day	$8.00		
	2	4.00 " " "	8.00		
	3	3.00 "	6.00		
	5	2.50 "	5.00		
		6,7,22,26 (4 days) $3.00 each	24.00		
		Fourteen meals for above Indians at 50 cents each			51 00
	28	Semmes Motor Co., materials, labor and repairs on official Dodge Car, including new brake linings		12	29 25
		Postage and stampt envelopes			1 60
		Omitted from previous account:			
Feb	3	Elec current Dec 17-Jan 17, $7.34	1/3 of $7.34	13	2 45
		Am Forests and Forest Life for 1928			4 00
	21	Pubs Am Soc Medical Progress			2 00
		New York Zoological Soc Bull for 1928			1 50
	24	Am Indian Tepee for 1928			1 50
		Canadian Field Naturalist for 1928			2 10
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April 2, 1928.

Mr Clarence Cottam
Brigham Young University
Provo, Utah

My dear Mr Cottam:

Replying to your letter of March 27 just received, I regret to say that the paper on 'My Life Zone Work' which I presented before the last meeting of the American Ornithologist Union has not been published. The material was hastily brought together and I have not had time to put it in shape for publication. Otherwise I should be happy to send you a copy.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam.

April 4, 1928.

Mr Sam Spring
Canby
Modoc County, California

My dear Sir:

Your letter of March 23 has just reached me. In reply to your questions would say that the only Indians from Northern California who have been in Washington this winter are Charles Green of Fall River Valley and Jack Williams (or Jack Dick) of Likely.

They have been here for some time and are still here, apparently waiting to see whether or not the Court of Claims Bill would be passed by Congress. It may or may not pass. In my judgment it is not of much account anyway as it has been so altered that little, if anything, would come of it for the Indians.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours

C. H. Asbury

April 9, 1928.

Mr P. Martinelli
Lagunitas, California

Dear Mr Martinelli:

Thanks for your letter of the 2d instant.

I am very much obliged to you for having the trees cut as requested and am enclosing my check for $31.00 in payment of your bill. It is pleasant to know that the brush have been burned without injury to the trees and that everything appears to be in good condition. I hope the heavy rains did not cause additional leaks in the house.

In regard to Zenaida's orchard, I shall be obliged if you will kindly have the necessary spading done and send me the bill for same.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

April 9, 1928.

Mr H. H. Pittman
Wauchope, Sask., Canada

My dear Mr Pittman:

Your letter of March 14 enclosing three tiny prints of Muskrat and Coyote is at hand. Not caring for these prints, I am returning them herewith.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

April 10, 1928.

Mr Frank M. Harris
Chief, Dept. of Engineers
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 3d instant informing me that Mr Fred H. Tibbetts, Alaska Commercial Building, San Francisco, has a topographic map of Fall River Valley, a copy of which he is willing to send me.

I am writing him by this mail, and appreciate your courtesy in the matter.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

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April 10, 1928.

Mr Fred H. Tibbetts
Alaska Commercial Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

In reply to my inquiry about maps of the Fall River Valley region I am informed by Mr Frank M. Harris of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company that you have such a map and that you are willing to let me have a copy.

I shall be very much obliged if you will kindly send me this map along with bill for same.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

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April 10, 1925.

Mr C. E. Grunsky
Mechanics Institute Building
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr Grunsky:

Enclosed is my check of $5.05 in payment for the photostats of the maps which you were kind enough to have made for me, and which I greatly appreciate.

Very truly yours

Original Defective

April 14, 1928.

Mr Ralph G. Wentworth
c/o Fred H. Tibbetts
Alaska Commercial Building
San Francisco, California

My dear Sir:

The map of Fall River Valley which you were kind enough to send me has arrived and is a great delight, being the only map I have seen which shows Fall Lake, Tule River, and numerous other features not on ordinary maps. It is exactly that I have been hoping for and will enable me to plat with reasonable accuracy the locations of a large percentage of the sixty Indian villages whose names I have obtained.

There was no memorandum of charge with the map and I shall be very glad to remit if you will kindly let me know how much I owe you.

I do not suppose there is such a thing as a map covering the Big Springs country on Fall River to the northwest of your map.

With very many thanks to you and Mr Tibbetts,

Very truly yours

April 14, 1928.

Major General Lutz Wahl
War Department
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in replying to my inquiry in regard to the date of establishment of Fort Crook in Fall River Valley. You have given me exactly the information I wanted, and I am grateful therefor.

Very truly yours

April 14, 1928.

Mr Loring W. Turrell
Smithtown Branch
Long Island, New York

My dear Sir:

You are indeed very kind to send me the photograph of a Whip-poor-will on her nest, for which I asked a short time ago. I greatly appreciate your courtesy and trouble in the matter.

It is a remarkable photograph as well as one of the best illustrations I have ever seen of protective coloration and markings.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours

April 17, 1928.

Dr Nolie Mumey
Republic Building
Denver, Colorado

My dear Dr Mumey:

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant in regard to literature on the Grizzly Bear, would say that the literature on the subject is far too extensive for a busy man to attempt to enumerate. There are several books on Grizzlies, and in addition to these, accounts of hunting Grizzlies occur in more than a hundred works of travel and exploration and in the magazines devoted to Natural History and hunting.

The principal books, as I recall them offhand, are:

Adventures of James Capen Adams, Mountaineer and Grizzly Bear Hunter, by Theodore H. Hittell, 1860 (reprinted in 1911).

Bears I Have Met and Others, by Allen Kelly. 1903.

True Bear Stories, by Joaquin Miller, 1900 (unreliable).

Bruin, the Grand Bear Hunt, by Captain Mayne Reid, 1865.

The Bear Hunters of the Rocky Mountains, by Anne Bowman, 1862.

Bear Hunting in the White Mountains, by H. M. Seton-Karr, 1891.

Chapters on Bear hunting in the book entitled American Big Game in Its Haunts, published by the Boone and Crockett Club, 1904.

Nights with the Grizzlies, being a chapter in American Big Game Hunting, the Book of the Boone and Crockett Club, 1901.

The Grizzly Bear, by William H. Wright, 1909.

Memories of a Bear Hunter, by Col. William D. Pickett, with notes by Dr. George Bird Grinnell, in book entitled Hunting at High Altitudes, published by the Boone and Crockett Club, 1913.

Chapters on Grizzly Bears by Ernest T. Seton in his large work entitled Lives of Game Animals, Vol. 2, 1926.

Chapters on the Northern Grizzly and Barren Ground Bears, by Sir John Richardson in his great work entitled Fauna Boreali Americana.

By this mail I am sending you a technical work by myself on the Big Bears of America, but fear it contains little of interest in the way of the material you are seeking.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

April 17, 1928.

Miss Isabel Calpin, Secretary
Dept. Marine and Fisheries
St. Johns, Newfoundland

My dear Miss Calpin:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 3d instant calling my attention to the probability that the Holloway Studio may be able to furnish the photographs desired. I am writing them by this mail. Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

April 17, 1928.

Holloway Studio
St. Johns, Newfoundland

Dear Sirs:

For many years I have been hoping to obtain photographs of Seals on the ice, but thus far without success. Forty-five years ago I visited the Northern Seal Fishery as Surgeon on the SS Proteus under Captain Richard Pike, the veteran ice master. A large number of Hooded Seals were obtained and I secured many specimens for the Smithsonian Institution, here in Washington.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries has suggested that you may have photographs of this kind. If so, I should be very glad of an opportunity to purchase a number.

If you have photographs of either Hoods or Harps, or both, on the ice, I should be thankful if you would kindly send me prints, with bill for same.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

April 18, 1928.

Mr Ernest Dawson
Dawson's Bookshop
627 South Grand Avenue
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Your latest catalogue of Californiana reached me yesterday, for which I am obliged.

The map on the cover entitled 'Gold and Quicksilver District of California' interests me greatly and I am wondering whether it covered the main part of the first page of the California Herald of December 26, 1848, as would seem to be implied by the form of the title page. Since the bottom part of the map is cut off by the headline of your catalogue, one is left in doubt as to the authorship and date of drawing of this map. I am wondering if you have large scale photostats of it, and if so, if I could purchase a couple of copies.

For many years I have been collecting maps of California, but this one seems to have escaped attention.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

April 19, 1928.

Mr Fred B. Tibbetts
Alaska Commercial Building
San Francisco, California

My dear Sir:

The map of Fall River Valley which you were good enough to send me a short time ago has proved so helpful in enabling me to locate Indian villages that I am led to inquire if you have similar maps of any other parts of the drainage basin of Pit River.

If so, I should appreciate it if you will allow me to purchase copies. And if you have maps of other parts of California, I should be very glad to know what and where they are.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

April 28, 1928.

Mr Hugh Wiley
Los Altos
Santa Clara Co., Calif.

My dear Sir:

Mr Ernest Dawson, Proprietor of Dawson's Bookshop in Los Angeles, writes me that you have purchased the California Herald of December 26, 1848, the front page map of which was reproduced on Dawson's recent catalogue.

I had written him asking if it were practicable to obtain a photostat of this map. In reply he tells me that you have purchased the document in question. I therefore take the liberty of asking if you would be willing to have a photostat made, at my expense of course, which you would permit me to place in a folio binder of old California maps.

These maps, with the names of rivers current at the time of publication, are of much use to me in platting the locations of old Indian villages. During my field work among the various Indian tribes of California in the last 35 years, I have secured the names and approximate locations of several thousand Indian villages, many of which, owing to changes in geographic names, have proved hard to locate.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

April 30, 1928.

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Enclosed is my expense account for month of April, amounting to $55.06, and vouchers for services as listed below, all of which kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

The receipt for Allen's Press Clippings for month of February has only recently arrived and is enclosed herewith. It is No. 8 of the March account, and was sent to Lagunitas, which accounts for the delay.

Yours very truly

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. Mabel P. Hollister, $150.00
Mrs. Helen O. Trotter, 150.00
Miss Zenaida Merriam, 135.00

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth St., Washington, D.C.

Expense account for month of April 1928

1928				
April	4	Paulson letter file		9 75
	4	Livingston, box blue carbon paper		3 00
	5	Virginia Paper Co., 2 M sheets blue letter paper		3 58
	7	12 rolls paper towelling (Livingston)		4 80
	6-7	Paid two Pit River Indians		8 00
	9	Allen's Press Clippings for March		3 00
	10	Maps and photostats San Joaquin Valley		5 05
	17	Arthur H. Allen, photostats (maps)		6 30
	18	Akeley articles in World's Work		1 00
	25	2 photostats (maps)		2 50
		2 red and blue pencils with extra leads		0 40
		Duplicate April and May numbers Outdoor Life		0 50
		2 boxes Owl clips		0 25
		Erasers and spool thread		0 40
		Pen points for map work		0 20
		Street car fares for assistants		1 00
		3 pkgs. stamped envelops, large and small		1 66
		Electric current Mar.16 to Apr. 17, $5.22--1/3 5.22		1 74
		Gas Mar. 26 to Apr. 25, $5.80--1/3 5.80		1.93
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April 30, 1928.

Journal of Forestry
Atlantic Building
930 F Street, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Recently some misunderstanding has occurred in relation to my membership and dues in the several more or less confusing branches of the Forestry Association.

For a number of years I have been a member of the American Forestry Association, paying the annual $4.00 dues and receiving in return American Forests and Forest Life, which I wish to continue.

But during the first three months of the current year I find that I have made three payments for what I supposed were one and the same thing, namely the American Forestry Association. On looking over my checkbooks I find that on March 28 I sent a check of $2.00 to the Society of American Foresters, on February 21 to the same organization a check of $5.00, while on January 28 I had already sent my check of $4.00 to the American Forestry Association.

Each of these payments was on a bill sent me, and I paid each without looking the matter up, until it gradually dawned on my antiquated brain that I had paid $11.00 instead of $4.00 for my 1928 membership.

Since sending some of these payments I have received four numbers, namely for January, February, March, and April 1928, of a

technical publication entitled Journal of Forestry, which I had never before seen and which is of no interest whatever to me, as I am not interested in any way in either the technical or commercial side of Forestry.

It would appear therefore that somebody has slipped me a bill of $5.00, which I have paid, for something I never had any intention of subscribing for.

I shall be glad to return these four numbers of the Journal in return for the $5.00 which I unwittingly paid for them.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

April 30, 1928.

Dr Henry H. Donaldson
Wistar Institute of Anatomy
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear Dr Donaldson:

Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I will meet you in the Biological Survey rooms on the east range of the ground floor of the National Museum at 10:30 A.M. on Thursday, May 3.

I need some time before you come to locate the skulls so that we may not be obliged to lose half a day or more in finding the ones needed.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

April 27, 1928.

Dr Glover M. Allan
Museum of Comparative Zoology
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Dr Allen:

Your recent letter was a very pleasant surprise.

In compliance with your request I am enclosing herewith some notes and illustrations from my journal of the cruise in the lower river and Gulf of St. Lawrence in 1882.

It is a pity you could not have stayed through the recent meetings of our Annual Society. However it was good that you could come, and many of us here were very glad of the opportunity of renewing your personal acquaintance.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Original Defective

May 5, 1928.

Miss Laura E. Gregory, Secretary
Dr. William E. Colby
Room 650 Mills Building
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Miss Gregory:

Your letter with accompanying circulars in regard to possible additional State Parks in California is at hand.

I am exceedingly busy at present but will give the matter attention during the coming season. I expect to drive to California in the near future.

With kind regards to Dr. Colby,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 7, 1928.

The Holloway Studio
St. Johns, Newfoundland.

My dear Sirs:

The photographs of seals on the ice which you were kind enough to send me in compliance with my recent request have just arrived, for which I am greatly obliged.

I am not enclosing the amount for these ($3.10) for the reason that I wish to purchase the copyright privilege (right of reproduction). If you will kindly tell me what this is, I will add it to the bill for those which I would like to publish. I should, of course, print the name "Copyright, The Holloway Studio Nfld." under each reproduction.

The young Harps are lovely, but I am particularly anxious to get good pictures of Hoods. The three you have sent, while pretty good are so far away, particularly the old bull, that they would not show up very well in a cut.

I am wondering if these would not stand enlarging. If so, I wish you would enlarge each group of Hoods as much as it will stand. I assume that you have sent me all the Hood photographs in your possession. If not, will you kindly send me any others you may have.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

May 8, 1928.

Mr. Lewis B. Glavis
c/o Senator Lynn J.Frazier
Committee on Indian Affairs
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

In compliance with your request in regard to the pasturing of stock on Indian lands for which the owner received no compensation, would say that the name of the Indian I referred to is Jack Polson, who lives in the eastern part of the Pit River country, northeast California. I was informed that Polson complained to the Government "farmer" (named Mueller) at Alturas that about 75 head of cattle had been pastured on his land, for which he had received no pay. Mueller is the "farmer" belonging to the Fort Bidwell School or Agency. He lives near Alturas. Either Mueller or Supt. Gray sent for the owner of the cattle and fined him $75, which he payed. When Indian Polson heard of this he went for his money, but was told that no money was coming to him -that it was needed for automobile expenses, "gas,tires, and so on".

When you visit the Indians of the Pit River country, you will find no end of interesting material.

An abundance of information along more or less similar lines may be obtained from the Indians of Round Valley and Hoopa Valley. So far as I know there is no agent in Round Valley at present, the agent who was there several years ago having died. He was a rascal and systematically refused to give the Indians money due them for pasturage, and habitually treated them in an overbearing and sometimes brutal manner. If you visit the different Indians homes in Round Valley you are likely to obtain a surprising amount of information.

When you go to Yukiah it would be well to visit the Yokiah Indian settlement on the east side of Russian River, six miles southeast of Yukiah. Stephen Knight of this settlement can give you much information.

A neighboring reservation worth visiting is that of the Shoteah or Hopland Tribe, 3 or 4 miles east of Hopland. The present chief, an Indian named S. I. Billy, could tell you many things.

Mr. Lewis B. Glavis ---------- 2

These Indians are industrious and raise a good deal of fruit.

I expect to drive back to California, starting the early part of June. Legunitas, a few miles north of San Francisco Bay, is my headquarters during the season. When you arrive in the State if you connect with me I can perhaps help you in the matter of places worth visiting and the best means of getting about.

Very truly yours,

C. W[illegible]

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May 8 1928.

Dr. Henry H. Donaldson
Wistar Institute
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Doctor Donaldson:

Thanks for your letter of the 5th instant, enclosing tables of the measurements you made of the teeth of some of our bears a few days ago.

In regard to the three cases of incomplete data: I have just been to the museum and have found, I think, what you need. The Museum number of the old male skull of Ursus middendorffi is 134407.

The a - b measurement of Ursus middendorffi, number 119800 is 335.

The a - b measurement of Ursus americanus number 48242 is 273.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

May 9, 1928.

Dr. Glover M. Allen
Museum of Comparative Zoology
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dear Doctor Allen:

Your letter acknowledging the White Whale matter is at hand.

In writing you the other day, I neglected to say that the reason I omitted mention of the blowing of the whales at various places in the River and Gulf of St. Lawrence and northward, was that to hunt the scattered records up in my Journals would require too much time.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 10 1928.

Mr. William J. Fox
Library, Academy of Natural Sciences
Philadelphia, Penn.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your courteous letter of the 7th instant, would say that I have just examined my file of the Proceedings of the Academy and find that my last volume is 1926, so that the current volume has evidently not been received. Furthermore, if it had been received, I should undoubtedly have remembered it.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 15, 1928.

Mr. M.U.Bates
Metagamma via Cartier
Ontario, Canada

Dear Mr. Bates:

Your were very kind in responding to my inquiry about the negative of your photograph showing cedar branches broken off by a moose, which you were good enough to send me on April 20.

My delay in acknowledging your courtesy is due to the difficulty I have had in getting good prints from the negative. I tried three firms and finally sent the negative to the Eastman Company and it only came back last evening, with prints much better than those I had had made here.

My special interest in this photograph arises from the circumstance that in my book on the "Mammals of the Adirondacks", published about 45 years ago, I mentioned the browsing of deer on cedar boughs about the borders of our Adirondack Lakes in winter. A few months ago this statement was criticised by a man who claimed that the cutting off of these boughs could not be done by deer.

Mr. M. U. Bates ------2

When I saw your picture in "Rod and Gun in Canada", showing where moose had done the same thing, I was naturally very much interested and anxious to secure the picture, as you know.

It strikes me as quite likely that you have made personal observations on the browsing of moose and deer on cedar boughs. If so, anything you can tell me on the subject would be deeply appreciated.

The descriptions and illustrations of your camp appeal to me very strongly as since early boyhood I have spent much of my life in camp. More than sixty years ago my father took me camping in the Adirondacks in summer, and in winter when he was killing deer; and fifty-six years ago I was Naturalist of the U.S. Geological and Geographical Survey of the Territories, working in some of the wildest parts of Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Utah.

In 1889 I made a Biological Survey of 12,000 square miles in Arizona, including San Francisco Mountain, the Painted Desert, and parts of the Grand Canyon of the Colorado.

In 1890 and 1891 I planned and carried out a Biological Survey of the Death Valley Region in the deserts of southeastern California, and extended the work into

Nevada, Arizona and southern Utah. Biological Survey work relating to the distribution of animals and plants was continued in various parts of the country until 1910, since when I have engaged principally in mapping the distribution of Indian tribes in California and Nevada.

It is not strange therefore that I am strongly attracted to your camps and the interesting regions in which you are located; and if younger and not so overwhelmed with unfinished work, I should try hard to make you a visit. But I have not yet completed my field work in California, to which I expect to return in two or three weeks.

With many thanks for the loan of your negative, and best wishes for a successful season,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 16, 1928.

Mr. Charley Green
Glenburn, Calif.

My dear Mr. Green:

We are all very glad to hear from you and to know that you reached home safely after your very long trip on the way.

The Lee Bill was passed by Congress three or four days ago, but so far I have not been able to get copies. I will try again today and will send you a couple if I succeed in getting them.

We expect to drive across to California in June, starting early in the month, and I hope to see you at some time during the summer, but cannot be sure.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

May 15, 1928.

Mr. C. E. Rachford
Forest Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rachford:

Very many thanks for your letter of May 11, enclosing copy of a letter from E. V. Patterson, District Ranger from McArthur, California.

I am very glad indeed to have this information, although since writing you I had located Salmon Creek by means of two Pit River Indians, who were temporarily here in behalf of pending legislation.

Your District Ranger gave additional information that I am mighty glad to have.

Thanking you for your trouble and courtesy in the matter,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

May 16, 1928.

Mr. James P. Chapin, President
Linnaean Society of New York
New York City.

My dear Mr. Chapin:

Your letter of the twelfth instant astonishes me very much.

I am not strong on medals but appreciate the courtesy of the Society in awarding me the one you mention.

Owing to my age and the condition of my health, and the additional fact that I expect to leave Washington for California the first week in June, it will not be possible for me to go to New York. This however, I think you will agree, is a formality easily set aside in view of the circumstances.

Please convey to the Officers and Council of the Linnaean Society my appreciation of their action in thus recognizing my work in Mammalogy, Ornithology, and Zoogeography.

Very truly yours,

May 16, 1928.

Mr. Eugene T. Thurston, President,
Commonwealth Club of California
345 Sutter Street
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Sir:

In compliance to your request, transmitted through Mr. E. A. Walcott, for suggestions in regard to the helpfulness of your Committee on Indian Affairs and suggestions as to a Chairman to replace Mr. Elkus, resigned, would say that while I am not acquainted with the membership of the Club, it occurs to me that excellent service might be rendered by:

Dr. Edward F. Glaser
201 Camino DelMar
San Francisco

Mr. Chauncey Goodrich
Mills Building
San Francisco

Mr. L. A. Barrett
Forest Service
Ferry Building
San Francisco

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam -

May 16, 1928.

Mr. F. J. Nicolas, Editor
Canadian Field Naturalist
321 McLeod Street
Ottawa, Canada.

My dear Sir:

Enclosed is a dollar for which kindly send me two additional copies of the March number of the Canadian Field Naturalist.

It is a number to be proud of, and both the Club and Mr. E. M. Kindle, author of "Canada North of Fifty-six Degrees" are to be congratulated. It is a fine thing to have so much authentic material and so many illustrations in such convenient form for reference.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

May 16, 1928.

Mr. Ward Shepard, Secretary
The Society of American Foresters
517 Lenox Building, Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Shepard:

I am not in a position to continue my Associate Membership in The Society of American Foresters, in addition to my membership in the full Society, and therefore am herewith enclosing my resignation.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

May 16, 1928.

Mr. Ward Shepard, Secretary
The Society of American Foresters
517 Lenox Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Shepard:

I herewith resign my Associate Membership in the Society of American Foresters.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

May 16, 1928.

Mr. Carlos Avery, President
American Game Protective Association
Woolworth Bldg., 233 Broadway, N.Y.C.

My dear Mr. Avery:

Replying to your letters of April 17 and May 11, would say that I was not previously aware that I had been included in your Advisory Committee. I should be glad to know when first placed in this list.

You ask me to say frankly what I think about the outline of the work of the Association. I know nothing about this except from a very indistinct carbon which seems to have come with one of your letters. Outlines of this sort give very little intimation of what is actually proposed or being done under the several headings.

Like all good naturalists I am of course deeply interested in <u>rational</u> conservation but have little sympathy with many of the game laws and the drastic suggestions of many sportsmen. I believe in non-political State Game Commissions, and would like to see the responsibility of administering the game laws placed in the hands of

the State Commissions, with full authority over close seasons and game limits. I believe in the control of game by close season and bag limit -- not by the unAmerican method of claiming that a man's property legally acquired is not his property if it happens to be meat.

I believe that game laws prohibiting the killing of does should be repealed. This law has always struck me as a most serious attack on the laws of nature and one bound to react unfavorably in the course of a few years. At the present moment we have a magnificent illustration of the terrible consequences of this law in the undeniable fact that in Pennsylvania during the latter part of the winter and early spring many thousands of yearling fawns died of starvation -- the does in enormous numbers having eaten all available ground food and also browse as high up as they could reach on the branches of trees -- which was higher, of course, than the yearling fawns could reach.

I am a very busy old man, oppressed by a mountain of unfinished work and with no time for matters outside of my special lines of investigation.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 16, 1928.

Mr. E. A. Walcott, Executive Secretary,
Commonwealth Club of California
345 Sutter Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the third instant in regard to the Chairmanship of the Committee on Indian Affairs, would say that I am enclosing herewith a letter to President Thurston on the subject.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

See p. 828

May 19, 1928.

Mr. Carlos Avery, President
American Game Protective Association
Woolworth Bldg.,233 Broadway, N.Y.C.

Dear Mr. Avery:

Replying to your letter of the 17th instant, would say that you have my permission to continue my name among the members of the Advisory Committee.

Thanks for the information that I was made a member in 1912. Is it not a little strange a man should be posted as a member of a Committee for sixteen years before he was notified of the fact?

As to the Buck Law: you seem to think the Pennsylvania result is exceptional. I do not agree to this and feel that within a few years the unfortunate facts will become generally known.

My California home at Lagunitas, which is my base for field work during half of every year, is situated in San Geronimo Valley at the north base of Mount Tamalpais. Throughout this region, as a natural result of the Buck Law, does become so numerous that they are an infernal nuisance. They jump the fences every night, coming into the front

yards and gardens of the residents where they eat practically everything as soon as it springs up out of the ground, and furthermore, during the dry period of the late summer and early autumn they devour most of the vegetation within reach, including the shrubbery of our lawns. In some cases they even jump high deer fences made on purpose to keep them out. A few years ago I saw a doe impaled on one picket of a deer fence surrounding the vineyard of the late ex-Congressman William Kent of Kentfield, California. And in the orchards they stand on their hind legs and reach up into the branches as far as they can, eating not only the leaves but the apples.

The bucks on the other hand keep in the high ridges rarely, if ever, coming about the houses.

Very truly yours,

T. Walter Williams

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May 19, 1928.

Capt. Will C. Barnes
Forest Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Captain Barnes:

Thanks for your interesting letter of the 16th instant. I am glad you think it worth while to collect and publish the ancient historical and religious beliefs of the different stocks of our American aborigines.

You ask about the origin of the name Pit as applied to Pit River and the Pit River country of northern California. If you will turn to the ponderous volumes of the Pacific Railroad Survey Reports, you will find in Volume 6, page 64, published in 1857, the following statement by the late Gen. Henry L. Abbot, who died last year at the age of ninety-five. In August 1855 he was engaged in surveying the Pit River country with Lieut. Williamson. In the report in question he says:

"We passed many pits about six feet deep and

lightly covered with twigs and grass. The river derives its name from these pits, which are dug by the Indians to entrap game."

In my work on "The Classification and Distribution of the Pit River Indian Tribes of California", published in 1886, I said:

"The Me-des-se Indians tell me that these pits, called by them Ah-pahm, were dug lengthwise in the trails. They were 5 or 6 feet deep and about 6 feet long by 3 wide "to fit the body of the deer." They were made narrow to prevent the deer from jumping out, and the sides were narrowest at the top, which was usually reinforced by a hewn plank projecting a little way over the edge. The opening was covered with slender sticks and leaves. A large piece of maple bark was hung above the trail, a little to one side, to warn the Indians so they would not fall in. Once a little girl was caught. Then the chiefs came together and put a stop to pit trapping."--Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections, Vol. 78, No. 3, page 16, 1926.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 19, 1928.

My dear Mrs. Harriman:

If you have had time to glance through An-nik-a-dal, I hope you have found it a contribution not only to mythology, but also to a peculiarly American bit of literary style that dates back far into the past, at the same time furnishing a glimpse of an unfamiliar association of primitive religious beliefs--for in the ultimate analysis is not every man's religion his belief in the supernatural?

During the past thirty years I have collected from many different tribes enough stories of this kind to fill several good sized volumes.

The old Indians are disappearing so rapidly that it is now very difficult--often impossible--to find any who know the old things. And had I not undertaken nearly forty years ago the preparation of large scale colored maps showing the boundaries of the numerous tribes comprised in the twenty-six linguistic stocks of California and Nevada, this information would have been lost and our children's children would berate us for neglect in not ascertaining and recording the territorial possessions of our vanished aborigines--the "nations" of real Americans who owned this country before the whites arrived.

Just now I am finishing for publication several papers on the classification and distribution of California groups, illustrated by colored maps.

In June I expect to return to California for the purpose of rescuing bits of vanishing information needed to complete the work.

Several times during the past few years I've driven a thousand miles or more to find a man old enough to know the exact boundaries of the tribe to which he belonged. And this is only one of the difficulties one has to encounter in this work.

From all this you must not infer that I have abandoned work on the Bear Book, for I have been pegging away at it at intervals all winter and have had much material typed. I believe I can finish it next winter. The greatest obstacle is the voluminousness of the material, collected during the past forty years.

With affectionate regards,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. E. H. Harriman
1 East 69th Street
New York City

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May 21, 1928.

Mr. John P. Harrington
Bureau of Ethnology
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Harrington:

Your letter of the 11th instant came duly and I was very glad to hear from you. But at the time, and ever since, I have been so deluged with behind-hand work that I was not able to open your package of manuscript until yesterday (Sunday). On opening it, I was never more astonished in my life. I am amazed to find that you have the material for another volume of the An-nik'-a-del story. It is almost beyond belief that you obtained so many chapters additional to those secured by me. I earnestly hope you will publish your material. It is wonderful that one man could remember so much.

But when you and Istet came to the matter of bird names you certainly fell into deep water, as a result of which most of the names of species are absolutely wrong. This as you well know is a far-too-common weakness of anthropologists.

Of the seven names of birds mentioned on one page of your manuscript, one name, "Lil-lika" for the Sparrow Hawk (which

you call "Red Hawk") is correct; the remaining six appear to be wrong. I have indicated the corrections in pencil on your page. But in other places you give additional bird names in English without their Modesse names, so I am all in the dark of course as to their correctness.

The only bird concerning the identity of which there is any doubt is the Grosbeak. This bird occurs in the Modesse country but apparently not in the territories of the easterly tribes. I therefore have no other Achomawan material to check by.

The latter part of your letter touches a very vital matter and one of exceeding difficulty. It is the easiest thing in the world to object to certain things and certain people, but a mighty difficult thing often to name the proper thing or the proper person. For my part I think the Institution is up against a very serious problem. Evidently you know much more about the situation than I do.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 21, 1928.

Mrs. Chas. D. Walcott
1743 22 st. N. W.
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mrs. Walcott:

Herewith I am sending you a highway map of California on which I have indicated by means of red spots a number of the Indian settlements visited by me in recent years;and the Reservations north of Tehachapi are located by lines leading to remarks on the left hand margin. I find that I left the last edition of this map at our Lagunitas home so that the highways indicated on this one are not the only ones now available. When you reach California we can obtain up-to-date maps of the parts of the State you wish to visit.

Our permanent address is Lagunitas, Marin County, but we are away on field trips a large part of the time so it would be well for you to write me say ten days in advance of the date you expect to come to San Francisco.

You are going to have a wonderful trip.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 22, 1928.

Dr. Herman C. Bumpus
76 Carlton Road, Woburn, Mass.

Dear Dr. Bumpus:

Thanks for sending me the Yosemite Naturalist's Monthly Report for April, just received. It is most interesting, but the statement in regard to Maria Lebrado, "last of the Yosemite Indians", is a great surprise. I have known every genuine Yosemite Indian for the past thirty years and never knew anyone by this name. Old Mary, as we used to call her, died several years ago. I wonder if the Mary of which the Report speaks is not an incomer from some other region.

At the top of the fourth page is a list of Indian things contributed by the will of Mrs. Alma J. Brown. Nothing is said as to the origin of these. Would it not be a crime to imply that they were the work of the Yosemite Indians? Of course some of the baskets might be.

The Report is returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

May 23, 1928.

Dr. Henry T. Schnittkind, President
Stratford Company, Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Schnittkind:

In your letter of October 27, in connection with the proposed publication of An-nik-a-del, you spoke of calling attention "to those most interested by means of circular letters", and so on, in addition to mentioning it among new books in your catalogues.

On January 31, nearly four months ago, I wrote you asking for copies of the circular letter prepared for An-nik-a-del. You replied that my request had been referred to the Sales Department.

On March 15 I wrote Mr. Kimlens, asking for fifty copies of this circular letter, but he made no response, and up to the present time I have seen no circular in regard to the book.

Recently I have received your Spring catalog, in which a fly leaf is inserted, stating "the publishers believe you will be particularly attracted to this volume because of your interest in this author's work". This is simply dreadful. It looks as though I had furnished a list of persons presumed

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to be interested in my work. I never presume. It is against my ideas of right and wrong. I very deeply resent this sort of thing. The presumption of this statement will I fear kill the sale of the book among persons acquainted with me or my work. The obnoxious feature could have been so easily eliminated by substituting for "this author's work" a line or two mentioning the field covered, so that it might have had a strong appeal to lovers of unique stories, instead of leaving a bad taste in their mouths.

Very truly yours,

May 23, 1928.

Mr. Phil T. Hanna, Editor
Touring Topics
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Hanna:

Replying to your letter of May 18, received a few minutes ago, would say that the second part of my Report on the Death Valley Expedition was never published. I wrote the greater part of it soon after the return of the Expedition, but the general part was deemed not sufficiently technical for a Government publication.

As a result, I decided to publish it privately in book form. But owing to pressure of various kinds, I have not yet been able to finish it, and it is not available for "inspection".

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 23, 1928.

Dr. Herbert Putnam
Librarian of Congress
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Putnam:

Can you ascertain for me whether or not the Library has the History of Tehama County, California, published by Elliott and Moore, 1880?

I have asked for it a couple of times but am told it is not on the shelf. I am very anxious to see it.

Very truly yours,

May 24, 1928.

Mr. Hugh Wiley,
Los Altos, Calif.

My dear Mr. Wiley:

Please pardon my delay in acknowledging your letters of the first part of the month. I have been overwhelmed with work that could not be put off.

The location of the ranch of Dr. Marsh near the east base of Mt. Diablo is shown on several maps, and it is of interest to find it on your California Herald Map of December 26, 1848.

I am only too glad to accept your kind offer to send me a check list of your collection of California maps. I am naturally much interested in these.

Unfortunately I have kept no track of mining camps, my interest in the early days of California being centered in the location of Indian villages and in early geographic names. You probably know that many mining camps are mentioned in the early records of the California Legislature.

Very truly yours,

May 24, 1928.

Mr. Ward Shepard, Secretary
Society of American Foresters
517 Lenox Bldg., Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Shepard:

Thanks for your letter of the 21st instant accepting my resignation as an Associate Member of the Washington Branch of the Society of American Foresters, and returning my check for dues ($5.00).

Am herewith returning by bearer the four numbers of the Journal.

Very truly yours,

May 24, 1928.

Johns Hopkins Press
Baltimore, Maryland

Please send me a copy of recently published Service Monograph Number 48, giving the results of a study of Indian Affairs by the Institute for Government Research.

My check for $3.00 therefor is enclose herewith.

Very truly yours,

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May 25, 1928.

Dr. C. G. Abbot, Secretary
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Abbot:

Replying to your request dated May first for the suggestion of articles suitable for the Appendix to the Smithsonian Report for 1928, I regret to say that although I have been trying to think of such an article for the past three weeks I have failed to recall any.

Regretting my inability to be of service in this matter.

Very truly yours,

May 31, 1928.

Mr. H. W. Dorsey, Assistant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed herewith is my expense account for the month of May, amounting to $14.83, along with the vouchers enumerated below, which please pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

The Dodge car bill I regard as unjust, but see no way to get around it. The Company phoned both you and me that the charge would be about $85. They now say that they found the clutch in such bad shape that they had to supply new parts valued at $25. This clutch has always given us trouble and caused a lot of expense.

I think you understand that in our family we have <u>two</u> cars: the <u>official Dodge car</u> under consideration, and <u>my personal family car</u>, an American Six, the expenses of which (family use) I of course pay.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. M. P. Hollister, services, assistant	$150.
Miss Zenaida Merriam, services, assistant	$135.
Margaret Grant Brewer, stenographer May 5 - 31 incl.	$108.32
Somers Motor Co. work and new parts (mainly clutch) on official Dodge car	$85.45

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th street, Washington, D. C.
Expense account for May 1928

1928					
May 7	Livingston: Roll wrapping paper 30 lbs		1	2	25
	Foot ruler 25; six in. ruler 10; corrugated board 85				70
	John Siebert: fountain pen mended				50
	Three balls twine 30; cardboard 50				80
	Allen's Press Clippings for April		2	3	00
May 24	Johns Hopkins Press, Service Monograph 48 History, Office Indian Affairs			3	00
	Electric current Apr. 17- May 17	$3.83 1/3 $1.28	3	1	28
	Gas Apr. 25-May 15	$4.70 1/3 $1.57	4	1	57
	Street car fares, May			1	00
				14	83
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C. Hart Merriam

June 1, 1928

Mr. C. P. Russell
Park Naturalist
Yosemite, Calif.

My dear Mr. Russell:

Recent numbers of Yosemite Nature Notes have given me two distinct thrills. The first was the statement on page 23 of the March number, that a certain painting by Lady C. F. Gordon Cumming, looking up Yosemite Valley and showing an Indian Camp with Half Dome in the background, had been presented to Yosemite Museum.

Some years ago I recognized the value of this picture and wrote Miss Cumming in care of her London publishers, (W. Blackwood & Sons) asking if she would sell the painting, and if so at what price; and if she would not sell, if she would allow me the copyright privilege of reproduction. After a very long interval she replied (under date of May 24, 1921): "You have my full permission to do so", adding. "I have all my original large water colored paintings done on the spot (mounted on cardboard as they have been exhibited in many large Exhibitions in the last forty years, in various parts of the Sierra Nevada, including the huge trees). Now in my old age [84] I should be glad to sell the whole protfolio full for a good price". The letter was signed: Constance Frederica Gordon Cumming.

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The second thrill referred to came while reading, in Jun number of Yosemite Nature Notes, your article entitled, "A Last Link with the Past", in which you give an interesting account of an old woman, Maria Lebrado, whom I do not remember to have met--as she did not live in or very near Yosemite. You certainly made a very severe attack on her when you visited her, not alone, but accompanied by your wife and a stenographer. In my experience such bold attacks have been severly resented. You were fortunate in obtaining as much material as you did.

In your account you make use of a word which I hope you will never use again. I refer to the word 'squaw', a word that is violently resented by practically all western Indians. The Indians regard it as a term of contempt--an insulting term--a term which if used once by an interviewer usually puts a stop to further communication. It is even worse than the term 'Digger' which all Indians resent and which, as a result of my continued protests, was finally abandoned by the Government Indian Office.

You are to be congratulated on the large amount of interesting matter you are bringing out in Yosemite Nature Notes.

I am glad to see that you are beginning to recognize that the much lauded Major Savage was a hard hearted brute.

I am preparing to leave in about ten days to again drive to California, where as usual my summer base will be at Lagunitas, about 25 miles north of San Francisco. It is possible that I may visit Yosemite during the season, but I shall be exceedingly busy in

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working with Indians in various widely separated parts of the State. Should you chance to come to San Francisco this summer, I hope you will give me a call at Lagunitas.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

May 31, 1928.

Dr. James P. Chapin, President
Linnaean Society of New York
American Museum of Natural History
New York City

My dear Doctor Chapin:

Yesterday my old friend, Dr. Frank M. Chapman, presented to me, with appropriate remarks, the Linnaean Society medal mentioned in your letter of May twelve.

It is a beautiful medal and I deeply appreciate the sentiment of the Society in awarding it to me.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Medal awarded Dr C. Hart Merriam by the Linnaean Society of New York on the occasion of its Fiftieth Anniversary, Feb 28, 1928, "for preeminence in Mammalogy, Ornithology, and Zoogeography".

Dr Merriam was First President of the Linnaean Society.

The medal was delivered to me at my home in Washington, May 30, 1928, by my old friend Frank M. Chapman, Head of the department of Ornithology of the American Museum of Natural History, New York.

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Retake of Preceding Frame

June 1, 1928.

Postmaster
Lagunitas, Calif.

Dear Mr. Gehan:

From date of receipt of this letter, please do not forward any more of the Merriam family mail to Washington.

We hope to start about the end of next week and are likely to be more than two weeks on the road.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 2, 1928

Dr. Robert H. Lowie
University of California
Berkeley, California

My dear Doctor Lowie:

Enclosed is a brief note in regard to the erroneous identification of animal remains.

It is probably unnecessary to mention the name of Doctor Funkhauser as the identifier of the alleged wolf jaws. You are at liberty to use your judgment as to this, as indicated by the bracketed matter.

Please send proof to me at Lagunitas, where I expect to arrive before the end of the month.

Very truly yours,

WHY NOT MORE CARE IN IDENTIFYING ANIMAL REMAINS?

The April-June number of the American Anthropologist for the current year (1928) contains an illustrated article by Wm. S. Webb entitled "A Prehistoric Village Site in Greenup County, Kentucky." Mention is made of "what appeared to be a headdress of cut animal jaws". These jaws, twelve in number, are shown in whole or in part on Plates 6 and 7. They were identified by Dr. W. D. Funkhouser, Head of the Department of Zoology, University of Kentucky, as jaws of the big wolf, Canis occidentalis (p. 216).

A glimpse at the figures shows that there is not a wolf among them; they are jaws of the common wildcat, commonly known as bobcat, an animal belonging to the genus Lynx. Three of the figures on Plate 6 and one of the jaws on Plate 7 show the distinctive bicuspidate lower carnassial of the cats.

Five years ago it became my unpleasant duty to call attention to some equally glaring false identifications of copper effigies from the Mound City Group in Ohio--though these happened to be of birds instead of mammals (Am. Anthropologist Vol 25, No.3, pp 424-425, July-Sept. 1923).

Is it not a pity to put such erroneous identifications on record

Original Defective

June 2, 1928

Chief of Police
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Why is it that so many of the Bus signs distinctly marked 'No parking to corner' are disregarded by autoists?

For some months I have noticed parked vehicles between Bus signs and the adjacent corners. And during the past ten days I have daily observed parked vehicles at the corner of K and Sixteenth streets, between the Bus sign and the corner, and so close together as to interfere with ready access to the bus.

Very truly yours,

June 2, 1928

The Honorable Secretary of Interior
Washington, D. C.

My dear Doctor Work:

A few days ago I was glad to receive from your office several brochures embodying the results of the Survey of Indian Affairs recently made at your request by the Institute of Government Research.

These are immensely interesting and I am wondering if you could not spare me a few more copies for distribution to interested persons in California. If so, I should be greatly obliged.

Very truly yours,

June 2, 1928

Dear Doctor Stephens:

You are probably wondering when the Merriam family will arrive at Lagunitas. So are we. However, we expect to start on or about the 10th and are likely to go by way of Santa Fe, which means a couple of days longer on the road.

We often think of all of you and feel that it is a very nice thing that Elizabeth has such a worthy anchor in prospect.

With love to all,

As ever,

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens
1250 Bay Street
Alameda, California

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June 2, 1928

Mr. W. C. Henderson
Acting Chief
Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Henderson:

Nearly three months ago I was pleased to learn from you that Piper's report on the Mouse Plague in southern California was nearly completed. Can you tell me about when it will be published?

Is it not unfortunate that after the careful work done by Biological Survey men in investigating this Plague that the results should be so long withheld from publication--particularly since all sorts of erroneous information has been in circulation for a number of months?

Very truly yours,

June 4, 1928

Col. J. A. McGuire
Editor, Outdoor Life
Denver, Colorado

Dear Colonel McGuire:

Replying to your letter of May 31 just received, would say that I have looked up the measurements of Mr. Minnick's skull, concerning which you ask, and I am sending you a carbon of the letter I have just written him.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

June 4, 1928

Mr. Ira A. Minnick
441 West Georgia Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

My dear Sir:

A letter just received from Col. J. A. McGuire, Editor of Outdoor Life, asks me to write you in regard to the size of a large bear killed by you on or near Cold Bay Lake some years ago.

The length of this skull as measured by me was 18 inches, the breadth 11 3/8 inches.

Very truly yours,

June 4, 1928

The Halloway Studio
Cor. Henry St. & Bate's Hill
St. John's, Newfoundland

Dear Sirs:

This morning's mail brought the three enlarged photographs of hooded seals which you have been kind enough to make for me and which I am very glad to have.

I wish to thank you also for your permission to reproduce these copyrighted photographs.

I shall not be able to use them until next winter as I am just leaving for field work in California, but when the article is printed shall be very glad to send you a copy.

My check on the National Metropolitan Bank of this City in payment of your bill of $7.80 plus $.25 for exchange, totaling $8.05 is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

June 4, 1928

Capt. Ernest Maunder
Box 1356, St. Johns
Newfoundland

My dear Sir:

Your letter of May 23 has just come to hand along with photographs of seals you have been good enough to send. I very glad to have these and appreciate the trouble you have in sending them.

I am thankful also for the photograph of the Proteus, a also the one of your models of several of the sealing steam You certainly must be a past-master at the art.

I am enclosing herewith a check on the National Metrop Bank of this City, for $6.75, of which $2.50 is for the phot received, $3.50 for a copy of the book "Vikings of the Ice" George Allen England, which you very kindly offered to have sent me, and $.75 for postage and exchange.

Thanking you for your several courtesies, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

June 4, 1928

Mr. J. P. Harrington
Bureau of Ethnology
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Harrington:

Your letter of May 23 gave me a feeling of depression which I have not yet recovered from.

For several years I have been hoping that I might live long enough to see your wonderful contribution to the knowledge of the Mission Indians of Southern California, concerning which you must have vastly more material than all that has been collected by others up to the present time. And it seems terrible to me that this is going to be laid aside for the Taos work until after I am dead and gone.

In this connection I wonder if you have seen 'The Voyage of Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo', by Henry R. Wagner, published in the last number of the Quarterly of the California Historical Society (Vol. 7, No. 1, March, 1928.). On page 23 of this number Wagner begins to talk about the trouble Cabrillo took to give the names of Indian villages on the Santa Barbara Channel.

Probably you will find much of interest in this article and doubtless you would have cleared up much of the fog that still enshrouds it.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

June 4, 1928.

Mr. Vernon Bailey
Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bailey:

If you will look in Science of May 25 you will find on page 531 a short article entitled 'Occurrence of a Mutant Meadow-Mouse.'

It seems to me it might be worth while for you to write the authors, or Dr. H. W. Feldman, asking the loan of the specimen, particularly the skull.

My personal feeling is that the identification of the mouse as Microtus pennsylvanicus is not sufficiently established.

Very truly yours,

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June 4, 1928

Mr. H. S. Allen
Allen's Press Clipping Bureau
255 Commercial St
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Allen:

Your letter of May 21, forwarded from Lagunitas, finds us still in Washington. We hope to start on our annual drive to the Coast about a week from today.

We shall be glad to call on you at Larkspur as early as practicable after our arrival. I shall of course always be glad to see you all at Lagunitas.

We expect to go by way of Arizona and therefore will be a little late in arriving.

I shall be very glad to have the reviews of An-nik-a-del. I have not placed any order for these.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

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June 3, 1928

Publisher
Science
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Dear Sirs:

Kindly change my mailing address for the summer, for Science and The Scientific Monthly, beginning with the next issue, from '1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C' to 'Lagunitas, Marin County, California,' returning to the old address the 1st of October.

Very truly yours,

Similar letter to:

American Forests, 1523 L Street, Washington, D. C.
Field and Stream, 24 W. 45th St., New York City
Literary Digest, 354 Fourth Ave., New York City
Motor Land, 1628 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, Calif.
National Geographic Magazine, Sixteenth St., Washington
Nature Magazine, 1918 Hartford Avenue, Baltimore, Md.
Outdoor Life, 1824 Curtis St., Denver, Colo.
Outlook, 381 Fourth Avenue, New York City :— wrote again to change back to Wash. (Dec. 13)
Boonville Herald, Boonville, New York
Science, Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Wrote again Dec. 13 1928 to change
to Washington: Outlook,
Scientific Monthly, and
Boonville Herald.

June 5, 1928

Mr. Arch M. Gilbert
Bolinas, California

Dear Arch and Angie:

A few lines from Angie--the first heard from either of you in a dog's age--came a short while ago. We were glad to learn that you were starting for Bass Lake, and as you like fishing, hope ~~that~~ you secured plenty of the fish that gave the water its name. Its location is unknown to us.

We hope to get off in about a week and expect to go south to northern Arizona so that we will be horribly late in reaching Lagunitas.

It has been raining here most of the time of late and we are told that the same is true of many places between Southern California and the East.

With love to you both from all of us,

As ever,

June 5, 1928

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Istet Woiche:

By same mail I am sending you a copy of the Ah-nik'-a-del History which you gave us in instalments a long time ago.

The book does you credit. It has cost me a lot of time and money and I hope you will be satisfied with it.

We want to see you again this year but are not sure that we can for we shall be very late in reaching Lagunitas and may not be able to visit the Bend Country.

Mrs. Merriam and my daughter Zenaida join me in kind regards to you both.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Istet Woiche
Big Bend, California

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June 5, 1928

Institute for Government Research
26 Jackson Place
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I shall be greatly obliged if you will send to my address, 1919 Sixteenth Street, a copy of 'Problems of Indian Administration', by Dr. Lewis Merism and others, for which I am enclosing a check on the National Metropolitan Bank for $5.00.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

June 7, 1928

Dr. Lewis Meriam
Institute for Government Research
26 Jackson Place, Washington, D. C.

My dear Doctor Meriam:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 6th instant, returning my check of $5.00 sent in payment for a copy of your Report, which you have kindly sent me with the compliments of the Institute.

It is a great thing for Indians as well as for those interested in their welfare to be able to refer to such a full and well-classified document. I trust your recommendations will be adopted by Congress.

I had to smile on reading your recommendation that a million dollars be appropriated "to improve the quantity, quality and variety of diet available for Indian children in boarding schools". For nearly forty years I have listened to bitter complaints as to the food supplied to Indian students who have attended non-resident schools ranked as among the best in the Service. The almost, if not quite, uniform testimony of both boys and girls who have attended these schools is that the food was not only poor in quality but utterly inadequate in quantity, leading them to refer to the school period as

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the 'starvation period', and there can be no doubt in my judgement that very many young children are stunted for life by lack of sufficient food.

I wish to thank you also for the copies just received of your Summary of Findings and Recommendations. These I am sending today to a number of chiefs and influential Indians of various tribes.

With best wishes and renewed thanks,

Very truly yours,

C. Hauk Thomas

June 7, 1928

Superintendent of Documents
U. S. Government Printing Office
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your instruction (card 799 enclosed) I am enclosing herewith a dollar bill in payment for ten copies of the Act as finally passed for the relief of California Indians, reported as signed by the President on May 18.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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June 9, 1928

Mr. Stephen Knight
R. F. D. 138
Ukiah, California

My dear Mr. Knight:

Doubtless you have seen by the papers that the Lea Bill was passed by Congress and that it was signed by the President on May 18. Since that time I have been trying to get hold of copies of the Act as passed, but owing to the multitude of things that had to be printed at this time, copies of the Act in question did not arrive until this morning.

There are several features of the Act which I strongly object to. One of these is that monies hereafter expended [in California by the Indian Office] to date of award shall be deducted from the amount due. Another is the last clause, which states that a roll shall be made of all Indians in California other than those that come within Section One of this Act. Since Section One of the Act refers to Indians "who were residing in the State of California in 1852 and their descendants now living in said State", the final clause would seem to mean that the only

Indians to be enrolled would be those coming in from other States! The thing reads like an absolutely silly proposition.

How much benefit, if any, California Indians will receive from this legislation is a matter for the future to determine.

Enclosed in the same envelope with the Act is a copy of the recently published "Summary of Findings and Recommendations of the Institute for Government Research" on "The Problem of Indian Administration". You will find much of interest in this document.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hunt Merriam

I had expected to be in Washington after this but have the grip and may not reach there for a few days.

June 11, 1928

Librarian
John Carter Brown Library
Providence, R. I.

My dear Sir:

Will you be kind enough to inform me whether or not the John Carter Brown Library has any manuscripts or notes on California Indians by General J. R. Bartlett, or by the artist Henry B. Brown employed by General Bartlett, or by Major P. B. Redding, in 1851 or 1852?

Some years ago I came into possession of a number of sketches, a couple of valuable maps, and a few letters and short vocabularies by Brown and Redding.

General Bartlett, at the time he sent Brown to California to obtain additional material, was preparing for publication (or at least intending to publish) a volume on the Indians of California, which however never appeared. Somewhere, if not lost or destroyed, there must be a batch of material including doubtless reports from H. B. Brown. These manuscripts would be of great value.

It occurs to me that this material or part of it might have found its way into your archives.

Very truly yours,

June 11, 1928

Dr. I. Minis Hays, Secretary
American Philosophical Society
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear Sir:

Will you be kind enough to inform me whether or not the Philosophical Society has any manuscripts or notes on California Indians by General J. R. Bartlett, or by the artist Henry B. Brown employed by General Bartlett, or by Major P. B. Redding, in 1851 or 1852?

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Very truly yours,

June 11, 1928.

The Smith Book Company
Suite 914, Union Central Bldg.
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sirs:

Please mail to my address, 1919 Sixteenth St., Washington, D. C. at your earliest convenience the California Map of the public surveys to accompany report of the Surveyor General, 1857, 30x36', as advertised in your recent list. Please enclose bill.

Very truly yours,

C. H. [illegible]

June 12, 1928

My dear Mrs. Young:

The Lea Bill was finally passed by Congress and was signed by the President on May 18, but it was delayed in printing and I have only recently received a few copies. One of these is enclosed herewith.

In the same envelope you will find a very interesting document entitled Summary of Findings and Recommendations of the Institute of Government Research, relating to the Problem of Indian Administration.

Hoping to see you during the summer or early fall,

Very truly yours,

Mrs. P. L. Young
Orleans, Calif.

Same Letter to:

Charles Green, Glenburn
Sam Spring, Canby
Clifford Salvador, Lower Lake
Sam Lopez, Smith River
William Fuller, Soulsbyville
E. M. Lafonso, Chico
Se I. Billy, Hopland
Henry Knight, Middletown
John Sommerville, Big Pine
Nicholas Effman, Chico,

June 12, 1928

Mr. M. S. Kinlens
Stratford Company
289 Congress St., Boston, Mass.

My dear Sir:

Thanks for proof of An-nik-a-del circular. On the third line of the title page, I have stricken out the word 'the' because it seems to imply that the An-nik-a-del creation story was common to the several tribes of Northern California, which is far from the case for each tribe has its own.

The only other change I would suggest is on the last line of the circular where it is stated that my publications number "upward of 500 titles". While this is strictly true, a number of them might not be considered as of sufficient importance to be enumerated. I would suggest therefore that the words "upward of 500" be changed to "several" as indicated on the proof. The sample of paper is excellent.

I should be glad to receive fifty copies of the circular.

Enclosed are three reviews. I suppose these and others have been sent to you. I also have letters from anthropologists and others.

Very truly yours,

June 12, 1928

Dear Doctor Stephens:

Your recent letter gave us much joy not only because we are always glad to hear from you but because the several trips you have been able to make lately, together with the prospective trip to Honolulu, seem to imply that you have at last secured an assistant so that you are not tied down so closely as for the past few years.

If this is the correct interpretation we rejoice exceedingly and I shall look forward to having your company on some of my trips in search of Indians.

I am dreadfully disappointed in not being on the road but have had unexpected difficulties in the way of finishing a couple of articles which I wish to send to print before leaving. However "it won't be long now", and we shall look forward to seeing you on your return from Hawaii.

My brother's granddaughter, Florence, who for four years has been living with my sister Florence, graduates from George Washington University tomorrow night. Her Mother has just arrived to witness the ceremony.

With combined loves of the Merriam family,

As ever yours,

Dr.W.B. Stephens
1250 Bay St.
Alameda, Calif.

June 15, 1928

Mr. W. A. Dayton
Forest Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dayton:

Replying to your letter of the 14th instant would say that I entirely agree with Dr. Coville in preferring the name 'Mahala Mats' to the name 'Squaw Carpet' for Ceanothus prostratus.

The term 'squaw' is looked upon by most western Indians, emphatically by those of California, as derogatory if not positively insulting. Both men and women feel that the women have a right to be socalled [Woman]--not by a term which they do not understand but fully believe to be degrading.

Miss Parsons, in her "Wild Flowers of California" gives both names. Jepson, in his "Flora of Western Middle California" (p 255, 1911), and also in his large work "A Manual of the Flowering Plants of California" (p 624,1925) gives 'Mahala Mats' only.

Very truly yours,

June 15, 1928

Arthur H. Clark Company
Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Mr. Clark:

Replying to your inquiry of the 12th instant, I regret to say that I do not know where a copy of my "Mammals of the Adirondacks" may be obtained.

The book was published in two parts by the Linnaean Society of New York in 1882 and 1884. These were combined in book form and bound in 1884. The edition, as I remember it, was limited to two hundred copies all of which were sold more than forty years ago.

Very truly yours,

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June 18, 1928

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Disbursing Officer
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me the usual $500 advance for field expenses for the coming season.

I have just purchased a pair of Mohawk tires to replace worn out ones on the Dodge car and will send you bill for same along with a small account covering miscellaneous expenses from June first to date of departure, which will probably be the 21st or 22nd.

It has taken a long time to get ready this year as I have been most anxious to finish a couple of articles before leaving.

Very truly yours,

June 18, 1928

Capt. Ernest Maunder
Box 1356
St. John's, Newfoundland

Dear Captain Maunder:

Your letter of June 11 arrived this morning and in the same mail came the book "Vikings of the Ice", for both of which I am obliged as well as for the additional post card pictures of seals. The nasal deformity on the pup-Harp is certainly an extraordinary formation, but the photograph that interests me most is the one of a full grown cow Hood. This is, I think, the best photograph of a Hood so far I have ever seen, and I hope to live long enough to see a really good one of a bull Hood showing his inflatable snout.

A glance in the book shows me that it will prove interesting throughout. I can't take time to read it until my return from California as I am now packing to drive to the west coast--a trip I make every year.

With many thanks for your trouble and kindness,

Very truly yours,

June 20, 1928

Mr. Luther J. Goldman
Gooding, Idaho

My dear Goldman:

The last grizzly skull you sent in came in due course, but owing to various circumstances I was unable to see it until today. It proves to be a young female not quite old enough to have acquired the adult form of skull.

However it adds another to the series of desert or sage plain grizzlies and therefore is well worth while.

But I am still hoping that before these bears become extinct it will be possible to get hold of an adult male.

With best wishes and appreciation of your efforts in this direction,

Very truly yours,

June 22, 1928

Dr. Sterling Bunnell
Physicians Bldg. Sutter St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Dr. Bunnell:

Your letter was most welcome and I am very glad to know that you and your good wife have found something to enjoy in An-nik-a-del.

For sometime past I have been under such pressure in a vain attempt to finish a couple of articles before going west that I put off acknowledging your extraordinary article, "Repair of Nerves and Tendons of the Hand". It seems to me that you have not only made a monumental contribution to surgery but that you have shown well nigh superhuman cleverness in what you have accomplished in the way of repairs to what had every appearance of hopelessly useless hands. I congratulate you.

After months of hard work in trying to finish a couple of papers on Indians I am sadly obliged to postpone their completion until after doing a little more work in California.

We are on the point of leaving and expect to drive across by way of the Santa Fe Trail. It has been raining here most of the time for weeks and we are a little dubious as to

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how we shall find the roads in the Mississippi-Missouri Fl region.

With kindest regards to you both from Mrs. Merria Zenaida and myself,

As ever Yrs
C. Hart Merriam

June 21, 1928

Capt. Will C. Barnes
Forest Service
Washington, D. C.

My dear Captain Barnes:

In clearing decks for our impending departure for California, I am rather shocked to find that the statement you sent me on June 6 concerning the present status of Big Game Animals in the National Forests has not been acknowledged.

Let me assure you that I appreciate this material and am mighty glad to have it.

The rush of work in the last few weeks is my apology for the delay in acknowledgement.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

June 22, 1928

Cashier
Crocker First National Bank
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing my check on the National Metropolitan Bank of this city for $600, which please place to credit of my account in your bank.

Kindly send acknowledgment slip to me at my summer address, Lagunitas, where I expect to arrive in two or three weeks as I am just setting out to drive to California, as usual.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 23, 1928

Mr. N. W. Dorsey
Disbursing Agent
Smithsonian Insitution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for the period from June 1-June 23 inclusive, amounting to $56.10 and also unpaid vouchers listed below, all of which I should be obliged if you will kindly pay from the Harriman fund.

We are dreadfully late in getting off but think we are starting now. My next address will be Lagunitas, Calif.

Thanking you for your numerous courtesies

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 5, Doubleday-Doran & Co. Seton's Lives of Animals. Fourth and last volume $25.38

C. L. Jones Tire Co., 2 new heavy service Mohawk tires for Dodge Car $52.56; 2 red inner tubes $7.38; set Dill Valve Caps $1.00 Total 60.94

June 1-23 Stenographic Services Margaret G. Brewer 95.79

Dr. C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin Co., California
Expense account for June 1928

1928				
June	1	Miller-Dudley, new battery switch and labor, Dodge Car (to cure short circuit)	2	50
	1	50 stamped envelopes	1	10
	4	3 pots green paint for painting maps		80
	4	Holloway Studio, St.John's,Nfld. Photos Seals on ice	8	05
	4	Capt.Ernest Maunder,St.John's,Nfld.Photos Seals	6	75
	6	Can of wax for Office room floors	2	40
	6	Wm.Fostner labor, waxing floors	2	50
	6	Wm.Fostner washing windows 8 @ 15cts.	1	20
	6	Scribner's and World's Work for June		70
	7	Supt.Docs, 10 copies Leg Act Calif. Indians	1	00
	8	Allens Press Clippings (Indians) for May	1 3	00
	10	Miller-Dudley, new dash and Cowl lamps		50
	12	Postage on 11 packages: 'Problem of Indian Administration. Summary of Recommendations of Institute for Government Research	1	10
	16	Smith Book Co. Surveyor General's 1857 Map,Calif.	2 3	50
	16	Miller-Dudley, new main ignition switch and labor	4	50
	19	International Congress Americanists	2	50
	20	Arthur H. Allen, 4 photostat copies each of 5 maps	3 14	00
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June 23, 1928

Dr. Charles L. Camp
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Camp:

Number 3 of the Quarterly of the California Historical Society, dated September 1927, contains the 3d part of 'Jones Pantoscopy of California' accompanied by two illustrations of much interest to me, namely, 'Sutter's Hock Farm' (facing page 239), and 'Indian Rancheria, Hock Farm' (facing page 240).

I am wondering if you happen to have any additional proofs or extra prints of these which you would be willing to let me have? The illustration of the rancheria (apparently from a pencil drawing) is of special interest because it shows two of the large acorn storehouses, and also the top and entrance of one of the semi-underground houses. The name W. H. Burtholomew occurs on the lower left hand corner of the Ranch House picture but the quality of the sketch is so different from that of the Rancheria that it would hardly seem to be drawn by the same person. Do you know who this sketch is by?

When I visited Hock Farm the old Indian Rancheria had been washed away by a flood in the River.

Very truly yours,

June [illegible] 1928

Young & McCallister, Publishers
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sirs:

I shall be obliged if you will send to my address, Lagunitas, California a copy of The History of Warner's Ranch and Its Environs, by Joseph J. Hill, with bill for same.

Very truly yours,

June 1928. June 24, 1928

Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

We are today closing our house--1919 Sixteenth Street--and do not expect it to be reoccupied before October.

I shall be be obliged therefore if you will discontinue the phone until further notice.

Respectfully,

June 1928.

Chief of Police
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Today I am closing my house--1919 Sixteenth Street--for the season, and do not expect to return until some time in October. I shall be obliged if you will kindly have your patrolmen keep an eye on the house from time to time as they pass.

Should anything occur to require attention, please notify Mr. or Mrs. Vernon Bailey, 1834 Kalorama Road, or Mrs. Marian Baker, 1905 Sixteenth Street, or if they are away, Dr. A. K. Fisher, Biological Survey.

My address until October will be Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

Respectfully,

June 1928.

Potomac Electric Power Co.
Fourteenth and C Streets
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Today I am closing my house--1919 Sixteenth Street--for the season, and do not expect to return until October.

I have turned off the electric current at the main switch in the basement under the stone steps at the front of the house, and no current should be used until my return.

Respectfully,

June 1928

Washington Gas Light Co.
411 Tenth Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Today I am closing my house--1919 Sixteenth Street for the season and do not expect to return until October.

I have turned off the gas, where it comes in from the street, just before reaching the meter. No gas should be used in the house until my return.

Respectfully,

June 1928

Water Department
Municipal Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I have today closed my house--1919 Sixteenth Street--for the remainder of the summer, and have turned off the water where it enters the house. No water should be used in the house until my return in October.

Respectfully,

June 1928

Water Department
Municipal Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I have today closed my house--1919 Sixteenth Street--for the remainder of the summer, and have turned off the water where it enters the house. No water should be used in the house until my return in October.

Respectfully,

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TEXT RESUMES

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URSUS HOLZWORTHI, A NEW GRIZZLY FROM THE TALKEETNA MTS, ALASKA

C. Hart Merriam

John M. Holzworth of New York, who for several seasons has hunted big bears in Alaska and British Columbia and has succeeded in taking a remarkable series of photographs and moving pictures of some of the big Alaska Bears, has recently presented the Biological Survey with the skull of a large male Grizzly killed by him on the east slope of the Talkeetna Mts. near the headwaters of the Oshetna or the Black River. The locality is nearly due north of the Matanuska region and about fifty miles northnortheast of Chickaloon.

Critical comparison of the skull of this specimen with those of other Alaska Grizzlies in the collection of the Biological Survey indicates that its nearest relative is Ursus cressonus from the Copper River region, the type of which was collected on Lakina River in 1914 by Capt. J. B. Hubrick.

The Holzworth skull is of the normal generalized ursine type--lacking the highly arched frontals or other striking characters that distinguish some of the species. It is an old male, nearly if not quite as old as the type of cressonus, from which it differs in somewhat smaller size,

less development of the sagittal crest, much less posterior overhang, less elevation of the frontal shield, blunter and more outstanding (less decurved) postorbital processes, and much shallower frontal sulcus. The dentition is very much weaker than in cressonus, in this respect agreeing much more closely with Ursus eximius from Knick Arm, although the canines are even smaller and weaker than in eximius. In the Holzworth skull the molars are badly worn though much less so than in the type of cressonus. In cressonus the molars and canines are exceedingly broad and massive while in Holzworth's skull they are very much smaller and narrower.

Type No. 248091, ♂ ad., U.S.National Museum, Biological Survey Coll., from Talkeetna Mts., Alaska. Collected September 23, 1928 by John M. Holzworth.

Cranial characters.--Compared with the type of cressonus: Basilar length about 1¼ inch shorter; frontal region, though arched over orbits, decidedly less highly and less abruptly elevated; sagittal crest shorter and less produced posteriorly; postorbital breadth (135 mm) practically identical with that of cressonus, but interorbital breadth much less (85 contrasted with 96); zygomatic breadth about the same; anterior nares closely similar (rather truncate--not strongly sloping as in many species); palate flat with postpalatal shelf about as in cressonus; nasal region rather short, sloping strongly to frontals, which are not nearly so high as in cressonus; frontal sulcus very shallow, contrasting with the deeply sulcate groove of cressonus. The floor of the palate is broad and flat as in

cressonus, showing no trace of the dishing between the posterior molars that is noticeable in eximius, and the postpalatal shelf is distinctly shorter than in eximius, the interpterygoid notch broader. In the underjaw the infraangular surface is distinctly shorter than in eximius, and the inferior border of the ramus correspondingly longer. Eximius has an exceptionally narrow skull giving it the appearance of greater length. This narrowness is conspicuous in the frontal, interorbital, and palatal regions; and the rostrum is obviously longer and the nares more sloping (less truncate). The canines and molars as already stated are much smaller than in cressonus, in this respect agreeing far better with eximius. In fact, the length of the upper series is essentially the same as that of eximius, but the canines are materially smaller. In the lower jaw particularly, the canines are notably weaker (thinner basally) than in eximius, and the carnasial is distinctly smaller. In both jaws the teeth are too badly worn to admit of comparison of cusps. Last upper molar only slightly emarginate. In total length the Holzworth skull agrees essentially with eximius, and therefore is considerably smaller than cressonus.

Measurements.--Condylo-basal length 357, basal length 339; basilar length of Hensel 333; occipito-sphenoid length 96; palatal length of Hensel 182; post-palatal length 150; foramen magnum to plane of last upper molar 180; occipito-nasal length 322; greatest length of skull 374; zygomatic breadth 243; interorbital breadth 85; postorbital breadth 135; breadth of postorbital constriction 72; breadth across mastoids 189; breadth across squamosal shelves 166; facial length (front of nasals to plane of postorbitals) 136; length of braincase (plane of postorbitals to junction of lamdoid and sagital crest) 111; greatest breadth of rostrum (over canine roots) 89; height of rostrum at front of pm $\frac{4}{}$ 70; height of cranium above palate at plane of postorbital processes 115; height of cranium at plane of intersphenoid suture 110.

Condyle of jaw to front of canine 244; mandibular symphysis to base of angular process 246; mandibular symphysis to subangular process 218; height of ramus between m $\frac{2}{}$ and $\frac{3}{}$ 81; alveolus of m $\frac{3}{}$ to coronoid notch 75; alveolus of m $\frac{3}{}$ to condyle 94.

Tooth measurements (teeth worn).--Pm $\frac{4}{}$ length 18, breadth 14; m $\frac{1}{}$ (too badly worn to admit of measurement); $m^{\frac{2}{}}$ length 38.5, breadth 18; pm $\frac{4}{}$ length 13, breadth 8; $m_{\frac{1}{}}$ length 25, breadth 12; m $\frac{2}{}$ length 26+, breadth 15.5; m $\frac{3}{}$ length 21.5, breadth 15+; upper molariform series 79; lower molars 56; diameter of lower canines 16; length upper incisor series 50.

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PLEASE REWIND.